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Have you remembered to turn your clocks back?

Drumming up an interest in Africa

RESIDENTS were given a little taste of African culture on their doorstep this week. Lewsey Farm Learning Centre played host to the Batakari Fair this week, with drums, clothes and colours dominating the room. More online at luton-dunstable.co.uk



Pair arrested over plans to travel to Syria

A MAN and a woman have been arrested by terrorist officers on suspicion of planning to travel to Syria.

The couple, who are both 35, live with their children in a semi-detached house in Conway Road, Luton.

Officers from the Metropolitan Police and Bedfordshire Police raided the home at around 4pm on Wednesday, having arrested them at Luton Airport.

Neighbours saw officers in forensic clothing remove computers from the property. The police were still in the house the following day while officers were on duty outside.

One woman neighbour said: "They are a Bangladeshi family and moved in about two years ago."

"They are very quiet and don't get involved with other people. They don't mix or communicate. There are three or four children. I have seen the wife take them to school."

"The police have not told us what they are doing. They have taken computers away and are in white suits, so must still be looking for something."

Another woman said: "The wife is very friendly. I have not lived here very long and so don't know them, but I think they have several children. I don't know what the husband does for a job."

A male neighbour added: "They are a very nice friendly family. I do not know what this is all about. The police are outside but are keeping us in the dark."

A spokesperson for the Metropolitan Police said: "Officers from the Counter Terrorism Command have arrested two people - a man and a woman both aged 35 - on suspicion of the preparation of terrorist acts contrary to section five of the terrorism act 2005."

"The man remains in custody. The woman has been bailed pending further inquiries."

"The arrests are related to suspected travel to Syria."

Free school scrapped

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A SECOND free school project for Luton has been binned – raising fears it could have cost hundreds of thousands of pounds in wasted money like a similar aborted scheme less than two years ago.

Lord John Nash, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the school system, withdrew approval for Saint Anne's High School for Girls on Wednesday because it had 'fallen short' of criteria needed to

open – though he didn't expand on what was not met.

Free schools are independent from the local authority, usually set up by groups such as charities, education trusts, teachers or parents.

Despite the school saying there had been 'massive interest', parents will now have to find somewhere else for their daughters to attend.

In a letter to Gavin Shaker, MP for Luton South, Lord Nash said there had been 'insufficient progress made on the plans'.

The letter went on to state 'no

capital' had been invested in the project, but Mr Shaker is fearful this does not take into account development costs or staff time.

A similar free school project, Luton Girls' Academy, was also binned by Lord Nash in February last year.

A virtually identical letter was sent to Mr Shaker back then, and it was subsequently revealed £180k was spent. In July £150k of that had yet to be repaid.

Mr Shaker said: "Last time the failed free school project cost us all nearly £200k, and we don't know

how much they've wasted on this one yet. The government should dump their fantasy projects and let us build the comprehensive school places we need."

He added that he would be asking parliamentary questions to try to get some answers over the 'opaque' information he had been sent.

A statement from Saint Anne's said: "Though we do not agree with the decision-making process and how this project has been handled by the Department, we have decided it is not worth appealing."



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Our Town – Our Future

This feature has been placed by the Luton Business Improvement District (BID) to support independent businesses in the town centre. Future features will focus on food and drink, professional services and Christmas entertainment. Want to be included in these features? Businesses in the BID area are all invited to submit copy and pictures. Please do this by emailing promotion@lutonbid.org



BODY ART

Adrenaline Tattoos, on Cheapside since the year 2000, specialises in tattoos and piercings and is home to three separate booths.

Far Beyond tattoos on Wellington Street is owned by award winning artist Nick Lovene who has been tattooing for over ten years and whose work has been published in both national and international magazines.

Redinc Tattoo and Body Piercing on Guildford Street has a wide range a specialist tattooists and private piercing rooms and for fantastic body art you can also pop along to **American Tattoos** on John Street, **Avanguardia Tattoos** on Bedford Road and **Far Beyond Tattoos** on Wellington Street.

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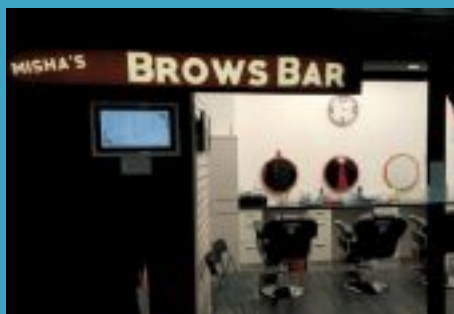
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Johnston's Chiropodists and Podiatrists, on Upper George Street, pride themselves on a friendly and relaxing service, offering a range of foot care treatments as well as home visits for people who are physically unable to travel to the surgery.



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Luton Business Improvement District has launched a **Hair, Beauty and Body Art** Directory, now available online by clicking on **www.lutontowncentre.org** and going to **News/ features and Newsletters**.



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Bedfordshire's batch of star bakers have the recipe for success

NO sooner had Nadiya shuffled out of the Bake Off spotlight, another Bedfordshire baker leapt in.

Candice Brown, from Barton Le Clay, stirred, sprinkled and iced her way to the top of the pack in the BBC show during Wednesday night's grand finale.

A few carefully crafted sausage roll 'pigs' and an immaculate chocolate gâteau certainly helped her get there, but the success of TV contestants like Candice and Nadiya is rarely just about raw talent.

It's because they are quite nice people,

Editor's Letter



and it's great to see Bedfordshire represented on such a huge stage by two genuine, and genuinely worthy, winners.

Audiences seem to have had enough of the nasty Nigels and slimy Simon Cowells of this world, favouring decent ordinary folk instead.

But perhaps our county's heritage as home of the Bedfordshire Clanger – one of the most bizarre baked treats going – has also helped nurture a generation of top notch pastry chefs.

Could you get any more show-stopping than a pastry pocket stuffed with both savoury AND sweet fillings? You can keep your three-tiered meringues, Mrs Berry.

image of the week



OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Boxer Jordan Reynolds was invited to officially open a new Keech Hospice store in Park Street, Luton, on Wednesday morning. He cut the ribbon for the new charity shop with the hospice's CEO, Liz Searle.

Brownie who saved mum's life honoured

BY NICK SMITH

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AN eight-year-old Brownie has been presented with the Anglia Youth Award for Bravery for saving her mum's life.

Maya McCarthy was handed the award at a presentation on Friday October 21, held at the 15th Luton St Francis Brownies for her quick thinking after her mum collapsed in their family home.

She was aged just seven when her mum Kelly collapsed at home whilst Maya was there with her three-year-old sister.

Kelly was taken ill very suddenly and unable to breathe. She was later diagnosed with a blood clot on her lung.

Maya took control of the situation and immediately called 999, then was able to tell the paramedics what had happened and where she lived.

Waiting for the ambulance to arrive Maya remained calm and looked after both her mum and her younger sister.

Handing out the award, County Commissioner Ann Crome said: "It was Maya's quick thinking that



PROMISE: Maya McCarthy with the award and mum Kelly

probably saved her mother's life. We are delighted to present this award to Maya for her bravery and courage."

Maya's mum Kelly added: "I am so proud of Maya, she showed such amazing strength in what was an incredibly difficult situation."

"Thankfully I came out the other side but I know it was Maya's actions that made all the difference to me being here today."

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Tributes to comic book 'hero' Steve



SORELY MISSED: Steve Dillon, from Luton, co-created the famous Punisher and Judge Dredd series

BY JAMES AVERILL
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RESPECTS have been paid to one of the world's most celebrated comic artists after he died last week.

Steve Dillon, from Luton, was the co-creator and artist of Preacher along with Garth Ennis, and was also known for his sketches in Punisher and Judge Dredd.

The artist died aged just 54 in New York City last week, and was cremated in the city this week. No cause of death is yet to be made public.

He started his professional career aged 16 drawing the comic book character Nick Fury – most recently portrayed by Samuel L. Jackson in the Avengers film series.

He went on to become a hugely respected artist in the industry, also creating the Doctor Who character Abslom Daak.

Steve's brother Glyn posted online: "Sad to confirm the death of Steve, my big brother and my hero. He passed away in the city he loved (NYC). He will be sorely missed."

Marvel Comics said he was a 'great storyteller' and would 'remember his incredible work', and comic book writer Alan Moore, from Northampton, added: "His passing is a great shame. Recently Steve had regained some of his old energy."

"He was a lovely man and a very talented artist. This is far too young for somebody

like him to be taken from us." Actor Seth Rogen paid his own tribute, writing on Twitter: "Devastated by the loss of Steve Dillon. My favourite comic artist who drew my favourite comics."

Dillon was well known across the town, and Luton South MP Gavin Shaker added: "Steve was such a kind and unassuming man, it was easy to forget how phenomenally talented he was."

"It was always a joy to share a chat at the bar in the Bricklayers over a pint of Guinness. Luton will be a less creative town without him."

The family has asked any donations to be made at heroinitiative.org – an organisation for comic creators who are in need.

Town ban for drunken and abusive man

A MAN has been banned from part of Dunstable town centre following a number of 'intimidating' drunken incidents.

Magill Price, 57, of Caddington, is now subject to a one-year injunction banning him from an area which includes The Quadrant shopping centre, Dunstable Library and Asda.

It follows numerous incidents involving drunken behaviour where Price threatened, abused and terrified staff even though he had already been banned from entering a number of stores there.

Price was ordered to attend Luton County Court on October 10 where Central Bedfordshire Council, supported by Bedfordshire Police, successfully applied for the injunction.

It will remain in place for a year from that date. If Price enters the area then he will face further court action, and a possible custodial sentence.

Councillor Brian Spurr, executive member for community services at Central Bedfordshire Council, said the authority is 'determined to tackle [antisocial behaviour] head on'.

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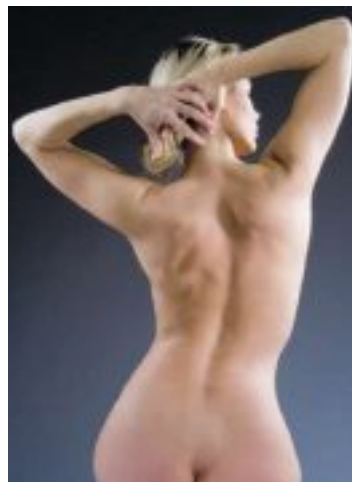
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CAVING IN:
Simon Marks
on his
driveway and
inset, inside
the shelter

Simon's ready to live sheltered life

BY KATY HALLAM
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A HOMEOWNER has plans for an unusual 'man cave' under his driveway after he discovered a Second World War air raid shelter.

Simon Marks, 37, thought he had driven onto a flowerbed when the wheel of his black Vauxhall Zafira got stuck in a hole outside his home.

But when he got out he found that part of the driveway of his four-bed detached house in Luton had caved in and there was a two-roomed shelter lying underneath.

Computer support worker

Simon, 37, lead singer with rock band Lost Without Cause, said: "This massive hole appeared. I thought it was a sinkhole or a badly constructed garden."

"I was just terrified the whole house was going to vanish. I took some pictures and sent them to my dad."

"When I moved a few of the slabs out of the way I found a ladder. I got my selfie stick and put it down the hole where I saw two rooms."

"My dad saw it and instantly said it's an air raid shelter."

"We Googled it and found there are quite a few in this area."

"The previous owner must have known it was there and when he built the house and put a garden in he must have filled it in."

The shelter may have been built after a German bomb landed very close to Simon's house during the war.

Simon, who lives alone, bought his house two years ago from an elderly couple who built it in the 1970s.

He found the shelter last Saturday afternoon and believes it is 10ft deep.

Since then Simon and his father Gerald Marks, 67, have been excavating the shelter with buckets.

School enforces sweets ban on kids' birthdays

AN infant school has banned a play-ground tradition, putting a stop to sweets being handed out on pupils' birthdays over health concerns.

Hillborough Infant School in Luton says

parents have been supportive of the school's policy.

Carly Smith, headteacher of Hillborough Infant and Nursery School, said: "As part of our wish to promote healthy eating, it

has been our policy for more than three years now not to give out birthday sweets."

"Children always receive a birthday card and the class wish them a happy birthday."

"Parents have been supportive of the policy throughout this time."

The school's website has also urged parents not to tell their children to bring in any sweets on their birthday."



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TOKYO 2020 BOUND

Table-tennis champion and full-time Sport student Daniel Bullen is working his way towards the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics having recently taken a gold medal in the National School Games.



NO 1 IN UK WITH 157 GROUP

A Team of IT students have won the chance to redesign the website of the UK's premiership organisation of FE Colleges. The squad, "Benny Ben & The Funky Bunch", were among three teams from Bedford College who were short-listed in the finals, alongside the best from the rest of the UK.



PLUMBING STUDENT ONE OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY

Former plumbing apprentice Matthew Jakeman, who works for Pronto Plumber of Bedford, won a bronze medal at the UK Skills Show 2015. Matthew is now working full-time in the plumbing industry.



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STARBAKER: Candice Brown, from Barton Le Clay

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Bake Off win is the cherry on the cake

BY STEPHEN PENN
editor@lsnmedia.co.uk

ALL eyes were on Candice Brown this week as she was crowned winner of the Great British Bake Off.

The Barton Le Clay baker stormed to victory on the BBC show, but this is won't be the last we see of her – as she hopes to open her own vintage tea shop.

She said: "This has increased my love of baking. If I can get my vintage shop selling tea and cakes with random antiques that would be my ultimate dream.

"Let's wait and see what will come my way but I will be grabbing it with both hands and running with it."

Speaking to *LoS*, the Bedfordshire teacher admitted she felt out of her depth in the early stages of the competition, despite being named star baker in week two.

"My worst moment was bread week, when Paul wouldn't eat my bread as it was completely raw," said Candice.

"I felt that I wasn't good enough and I shouldn't be in the tent. I felt that I had really let them down and that was hard for me."

But winning is only half the battle.

Candice had to keep her huge success a secret until filming finished, even hiding her trophy cake stand in an antique chest where only boyfriend Liam and pug Dennis could see it, even though she said: "I would have liked to wear it round my neck."

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Man dies after street collision

A MAN who was involved in a car collision this week has died.

A driver was caught up in the crash between a Vauxhall Astra and a Toyota Prius, which happened at about 4.50pm in Cardiff Road, Luton, on Tuesday.

The man, who has not been named, was taken to hospital by emergency services in a 'critical condition'.

Bedfordshire Police confirmed on Friday he had passed away.

Leader responds to town centre critics

BY JAMES AVERILL

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COUNCIL leader Hazel Simmons has said she can 'appreciate' concerns at the number of street drinkers and beggars.

The Labour leader was responding to a letter entitled 'Day of the Zombies', which was published in last week's edition of *Luton on Sunday*.

The writer of the letter, who did not wish to be named, said visitors to the town 'have to run a gauntlet of beggars,

dogs, duvets and dealers'. It followed criticism of the same issues from Conservative leader Cllr Michael Garrett.

Ms Simmons has now issued a personal response to the letter, and the council has hired new enforcement officers and implemented a ten-year strategy to tackle homelessness.

She said: "As leader and a proud resident of the town – I can certainly sympathise with some of the issues that your reader raised.

"The council has recruited a team of enforcement officers who will be patrolling the town making sure people aren't doing what they shouldn't, but also promoting and increasing town pride.

"I am fed up with people thinking they can get away with deliberately damaging the environment and these officers will be able to take the appropriate action to stop this behaviour.

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READALLOVER



EVEN a busy day promoting the Milton Keynes Panto last week was not enough to keep Stacey Solomon's hands off *Luton on Sunday*.

As you saw last week with Kevin Brewis, every member of the cast wanted to get a peek at all of the goings on in Luton, and the Loose Women panellist and former X Factor star was no exception. To find out more about this year's show, Dick Whittington, turn to page 45.

BLOGGER OF THE WEEK: Cheryl Smart MBE

Benefitting from business

Cheryl Smart MBE is the CEO of Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce. Here, she talks about how investment from businesses and other stakeholders is giving people opportunities - and creating jobs - in Luton and across the region.



BEDFORDSHIRE is on a roll at the moment. From the Airlander project at Cardington to progress in plans for a new stadium for the Hatters, there is a real sense of economic momentum across the region.

One of the challenges the business community always faces is communicating how economic momentum makes a difference to the lives of individuals. That's why it was such a pleasure to see the huge success of the first ever London Luton Airport (LLA) Jobs and Careers Fair a few weeks ago.

We have long known the numbers and figures involved in LLA's transformation project: £110million to transform the airport; a 50% increase in capacity; an expected £500million boost for the Bedfordshire economy by 2030. The jobs and careers fair, however, really showed the positive impact on local people.

There were 32 big-name employers offering over 400 current vacancies at the event. There was real excitement among close to 1,000 attendees, all eager to take advantage of the great opportunities on offer. And it is easy to understand why. From engineering to aircraft control, retail management to logistics, the airport offers really high quality jobs. These kind of roles give local people training opportunities, career progression and the chance to work at the cutting edge of technology. In fact, research shows that the average airport wage is £38,000, 40% higher than the national average. These exciting opportunities

really bring to life the true impact of securing investment and growth in Bedfordshire. What was also clear from the event is how widely the positive impact of LLA's success will be felt. An independent report suggests that by 2030 over 5,400 jobs will have been directly created across the airport's supply chain within Bedfordshire alone. And since business thrives on confidence, LLA's investment gives confidence to others.

Just think of all the exciting new projects that have been announced since the airport's transformation began:

- Luton Borough Council is working with the airport to deliver a new £200 million light-rail link between Luton Airport Parkway station and the terminal building.
- There is real momentum behind the new 17,500-seater Power Court stadium for Luton Town Football Club.
- The government awarded Luton a new Enterprise Zone at the airport.
- The new Luton Investment Framework is looking to deliver developments worth £1.5 billion over the next 20 years.

There is no doubt that the airport's expansion has helped give other investors the confidence to press ahead with these exciting projects. Most importantly, these investments will in turn create more jobs, opportunities and better facilities for local people.

The enthusiasm of attendees at the LLA Jobs and Careers Fair was a powerful example of the positive impact business investment has on local communities.

Your Luton Letters on sunday

Sad story of libraries

I'VE just read the article in *Luton on Sunday* regarding the new UoB Library.

I was staggered by the cost of £46 million for this 7-floor, high-tech building, which I'm sure the students find wonderful. But I can't help being angered by the fact that, despite strenuous efforts on the part of local residents, over many months, the Sundon Park Library was shut.

I agree with Stephen Kelman that libraries have the power to transform people. I have fond memories of climbing the steps to the first storey study landing in Sundon Park Library, more than 50 years' ago, to do homework. But now that I have come back to live in my family home, I can no longer access a library on foot.

So, no doubt, the UoB students have everything they need to study, but unfortunately, the residents of Sundon Park do not.

Helen Huson
By email

No love for marathon

YET again hundreds of residents will be trapped on Sunday morning due to the ridiculous route selected for the 'Love Luton half marathon'.

This is the fourth year of the marathon, and in previous years I have had trouble getting to work, and many will be stopped from getting out to church or other journeys. Those who would struggle to walk to cars parked outside the cordon have no option but to stay put. The route selected is extremely short-sighted, running up Old Bedford Road, down Barnfield Ave and then back along New Bedford road, thus encircling Kingsdown Ave, Marston Gardens, Manton Drive, Stratton Garden, Avebury Ave, Westlodge Gardens, Priory Gardens,



ON THE RUN: Last year's half marathon

Westbury Gardens and Greenhill Ave. Running down Barnfield Ave cuts off Blandford Ave, Sherborne Ave, Hemingford Drv and Egdon Drv.

If the run were routed up one side of either Old/New Bedford Rd, and then down the other side of the same road, vehicular access could be maintained to all these roads. The other option would be to vary the route for the run, thus sharing the "Love" (and pain) with other areas of the town. Maybe run along the much-heralded (mis)guided busway?

Oh, and the reward for the inconvenience? A pitiful offer of 10% off if you want to take part!

Come on, show us some 'love'.

Robin Wright
Kingsdown Avenue

Love Luton responds. . .

FOR the safety of both the runners and residents we need to close a number of roads. We have worked on the course for many months taking a number of things into consideration, which include: primary

roads, roads near parks and the Luton Hoo to take the course off road and also allowing it to finish in the town centre.

We have reduced the road closures dramatically, but do appreciate that it will inconvenience some residents.

We have written to over 6000 people notifying them of the half marathon, we also put over 70 warning signs on the footprint of the route. We've also been actively promoting it for many months through the local press, radio, public places and social media. Luton, along with many other towns and cities, both nationally and internationally, close roads for major sporting events. Luton is therefore not uncommon. Our road closures are kept to a minimum and our marshals will work with residents to get them out of the footprint prior to the runners approaching. Once there are runners in that section it is not possible for any car movement.

The marshals' main priority is registered carers and blue badge holders where the person is unable to walk any distance. There has been some confusion that the New Bedford Road and Barnfield Avenue are closed. I must reiterate these are not closed - the runners are using footpaths.

A full list of actual road closures can be viewed at loveluton.org.uk/halfmarathon.

Hosting a major sporting event in our town is extremely positive on a number of fronts. Hosting a major sporting event in our town is extremely positive on a number of fronts. Firstly, it brings in much needed spend and so it is a boost to the local economy; secondly, Luton has one of the highest obesity levels in the East of England and by promoting a healthy image and encouraging people to sign up to participate in a local sporting event. (Read the full letter at luton-dunstable.co.uk)

Linsey Frostick
Chair of Love Luton



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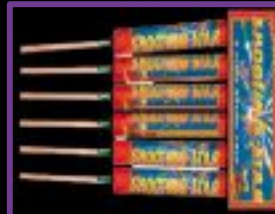
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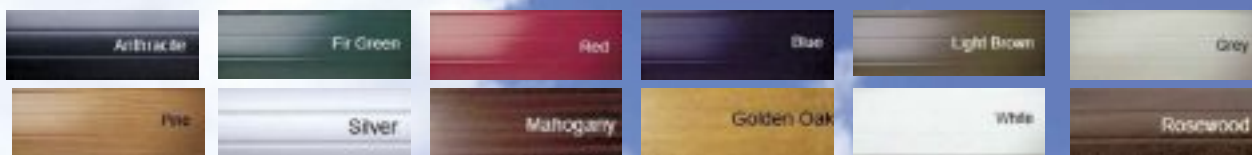
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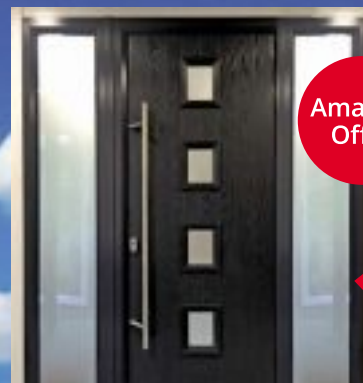
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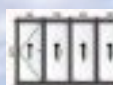


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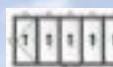
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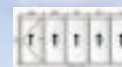
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A true gentleman who will be sadly missed by so many.

Funeral service to be held on Monday 7th November 2016 at St. Mary's Church, Clophill at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for The Stroke Association may be sent to A L & G Abbott Funeral Directors, 150 Bedford Road, Kempston, Beds, MK42 8BH. Tel: (01234) 843222 or via www.abbott-funerals.co.uk.

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Plan to 'address' homeless issues

BY NICK SMITH

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THE leader of a charity tackling homelessness has called on the community to make sure a new strategy to fix the problem is effective.

Jim O'Connor, chief executive of NOAH Enterprise, a homeless charity based in Luton, said this in response to Luton Borough Council's (LBC) new Housing Strategy, which has a particular emphasis on preventing homelessness.

Mr O'Connor said: "When you embark on a journey you need a sense of direction and I think this plan does that."

"It addresses a number of issues but I'm glad to see a particular focus on preventing rough sleepers and looking at methods other than housing people in B&Bs."

He added: "Resources are a problem both nationally and locally so I urge both volunteers and groups which have a statutory duty in tackling homelessness, such as the council, police and NHS, to

come together as a community and make the most of the scarce resources we have."

Cllr Tom Shaw, portfolio holder for housing at LBC, outlined how there are also preventative measures, saying: "Our new strategy urges residents to come forward at the first opportunity if they think they may be in trouble."

"This way, the housing team at Luton Council can step in and help resolve the issue – whether that be financial or otherwise, to avoid them losing their home."



CAMP: The Calais migrant camp known as the jungle

No request to house Calais child migrants

THERE are currently no plans to accept any child refugees into Bedfordshire as a result of the demolition of the Calais migrant camp, known as the 'jungle' on Monday.

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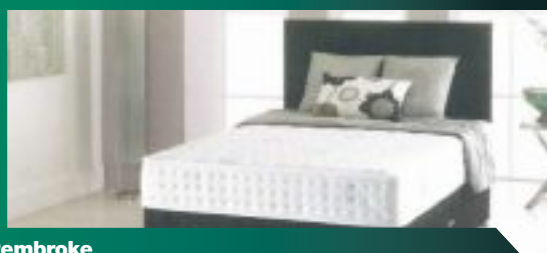
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Planning applications for the new link are expected to be submitted by the end of January for a 2021 opening if granted permission.

Call for more fast trains at Parkway

BY JAMES AVERILL
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LUTON Airport is calling on the government to improve rail access to Parkway station with the introduction of more fast trains.

It has been backed by the Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce and easyJet in calling for four fast trains per hour from Central London to Parkway as part of the upcoming East Midlands rail franchising process.

According to economic

analysis released this week by the Civil Aviation Authority, increasing the number of hourly fast trains to Parkway from one to four - just through timetable change - will reduce traffic congestion in the area by 70,000 journeys, saving 500 tonnes of CO2.

Alongside a planned £200 million light rail link between Luton Airport Parkway station and the terminal; the additional fast train services would make journey times less than 30 minutes from Central London.

Airport CEO Nick Barton said: "The introduction of express type services has clear benefits to people all along the line - as well as generating significant revenue benefits for the rail industry."

Sophie Dekkers, UK country director at easyJet, added: "Stopping more fast trains that already pass through the station will provide a significant benefit to passengers from London as well as passengers in the East Midlands at the other end of the line."



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This year's Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service Awards was another reminder of the lifesavers at work in our county, says SARAH COX

WHEN Carmine Baldassarre boarded a plane from Canada to Heathrow, he never expected he would be called on to save the life of a fellow passenger.

But the Bedfordshire firefighter who did just that, along with around 30 other men and women who give their lives to the service dedicated to protecting ours, were honoured at an awards ceremony this week.

After the passenger became ill on the flight and the air steward made a request for a doctor on the plane, Firefighter Baldassarre told the steward he was a firefighter trained in trauma care. He was able to perform CPR on the passenger who had collapsed before eventually being assisted by a doctor.

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be transferred to hospital when they landed.

Guests and award-winners heard this story and many others at Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service's (BFRS) awards evening, held at Bedford Corn Exchange, to honour the commitment, professionalism and bravery of its staff.

Another firefighter was rewarded for his quick-thinking after a collision on the A507 which happened directly in front of him, while off-duty.

Martyn Brown ran to the scene and managed to drag the driver to safety before his vehicle burst into flames. You can read the full story in next week's LoS.

I went along to the ceremony to present the 'Contributing to Young People Award' to firefighters Christopher



THANK YOU: Carmine Baldassarre with fire chief Paul Fuller

Page, Martin Chalkley, and Crew Commander John Field. These officers were recognised for their work developing fire cadets within the service.

Since launching in September 2015, the Fire Cadet unit in Luton has been fully subscribed for both 2015/6 and 2016/7 with over 60 young people taking part.

And it wasn't just firefighters collecting awards, staff behind the scenes were also thanked for their achievements.

Chief Fire Officer Paul Fuller said: "It is the qual-

ity of the people here tonight which makes the force what it is, but I hope this serves as a reminder that the force is more than the sum of its parts.

"Together with the police and ambulance services, we continue to build the team which so many of my colleagues are so fond of calling 'Team Bedfordshire' - and long may it continue."

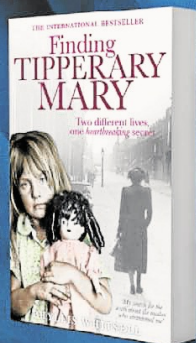
Other awards were presented by Lord Lieutenant Helen Nellis and Cllr David McVicar - chairman of Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

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Care in the Community Award
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This award is for an individual or group from either a professional or voluntary capacity. Those eligible include relatives (including children), friends, doctors, nurses or care workers who care for someone or a group of people. We are looking for an individual or group who have cared for others sometimes over many years without giving thought to themselves.

Keeping Luton Safe Award

Sponsored by Bedfordshire & Luton Fire & Rescue Service

The judges will be looking for individual members of the public or groups who have put themselves at risk and acted with bravery and courage to help save the life or protect the well being of others. This could include tackling crime or anti-social behaviour.

Environmental Achievement Award

Sponsored by Vauxhall

An award to an individual or organisation demonstrating a commitment to enhancing and protecting our environment, introducing environmentally sus-

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tainable products or services and, in doing so, make a contribution to Luton's environment.

Luton in Harmony Award

Sponsored by J2 Global

An individual or organisation who has proactively promoted and celebrated diversity in the town through their initiatives which have helped to improve the public image of Luton.

Leisure and Culture Award

Sponsored by Luton Hoo Hotel

The judges will be looking to award an individual or organisation which has excelled and inspired either as a professional or amateur in the areas of sport, leisure, culture and heritage.

Outstanding Teacher Award

Sponsored by British Land

The Teaching Award provides a unique opportunity for us to celebrate those who, tirelessly and often selflessly, dedicate their lives to securing a future for the next generation. The judges are

looking for entries from students, parents and peers across Luton who feel their teacher deserves to be thanked and rewarded for their contributions. The person will still need to be teaching within the years 2015/2016.

Luton's Most Outstanding Citizen for 2016 Award

Sponsored by The Mayor of Luton

This award seeks to recognise an outstanding citizen of any age group or walk of life who has shown loyalty and support to the town, or promoted and enhanced our reputation locally and nationally. For example this person could be a member of the business community, sporting, or community sector, anyone who has benefited the people of Luton, this could be in a professional capacity, volunteering or local charity work. It could be a neighbour a relative or anyone who, in your view, typifies the very best of Luton.

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chance to pick the winner they feel is most deserving. On November 6, the newspaper will announce short listed candidates. You will have until Thursday, December 1 to vote at: luton-dunstable.co.uk

Community Company of the Year Award

Sponsored by The Mall

This award is looking for nominations of organisations either commercial or not for profit who are based in the town and can demonstrate their support and commitment to the community.

Lutonian of the Year Award

Sponsored by easyJet

To recognise an individual or organisation's outstanding achievements in promoting Luton as a town to be proud of. The judges will be looking for examples of how the work has helped to gain positive local and national media coverage for the town as well as significantly improving the lives of local people.

Lifetime Achievement

Sponsored by Ryebriidge Construction

To recognise an individual whose achievements have been far-reaching in the community. Examples can include a volunteer who has given up their time for many years, a local carer or a business person who has given many years to improving the lives of people in Luton.

Sporting Inspiration Award

Sponsored by Luton Town Football Club

We are looking for an individual over the age of 18 who is a true inspiration who has either excelled at their sport and/or helped others and is a positive role model.

Community Business-

person of the Year Award

Sponsored by Keepmoat

An individual of any age working for an organisation or studying in the town who has shown a commitment and involvement with the local community and can demonstrate excellence in business which in turn enhances the image of the business community and Luton on a wider scale.

Community Project of the Year Award

Sponsored by London Luton Airport

Judges will be looking to recognise a community based or environmental project which has been initiated by local authorities, charities, community groups, schools or others. The project must demonstrate a tangible community benefit and have been completed in the last 18 to 24 months.

Young Achiever Award

Sponsored by Barnfield College

This award will seek to recognise an outstanding effort and levels of achievement by a young person aged 20 or under, either in their school lives, work lives, in a sporting context or within the wider community.

Adult Achiever Award

Sponsored by University of Bedfordshire

This award will seek to recognise an individual over the age of 21 who continues to achieve great things at work, in their profession, through arts and culture, in the field of education, sport, or a hobby or pastime.

Child of Courage Award

Sponsored by FCC Environment

Judges will seek to recognise any young person up to the age of 18 who has put themselves in

danger to help or save the life of another or has battled against the odds and has overcome adversity in their personal life or made a stand to improve the lot of themselves or others.

Service with a Smile Award

Sponsored by Arriva plc

This award is looking for an individual or team employed either in the public, private or voluntary sector that goes above and beyond when it comes to customer service. Their effort and enthusiasm should have a positive effect on its customers and the business/organisation.

Best Volunteer Award

Sponsored by Signature Flight Support

This award will recognise a volunteer(s) of any age who has made an outstanding contribution through giving up their own time to volunteer to help others, charities or initiatives across the town. We ask that entries are for individuals still active in their role but you can list all activities they have taken part in prior to 2015/2016.

Best Fundraiser Award

Sponsored by Basepoint

This award will recognise a tireless charity fund raiser/s of any age who has made an outstanding contribution either through their fundraising initiatives, voluntary work or other support. We ask that entries are for individuals still active in their role but you can list all activities they have taken part in prior to 2015/2016.

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Plans will bring a beat back to park

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The four Rotary Clubs of Luton have joined forces to bring the structure back - and have secured £280,000 of funding through grants and donations to do so.

Building work is set to start in the coming weeks, with a planned opening in February. Read more at [luton-dunstable.co.uk](#)

RETURN: A sketch of how the new bandstand will look

Dog owners call for the return of licence

BY JAMES AVERILL
[editor@lsmmedia.co.uk](#)

PET owners have called for dog licences to be brought back after a spate of recent attacks.

Members of the Friends of Akitas group want to see the legislation, which was abolished in 1987, brought back into law.

Previously, people had to hold a licence in order to legally own a dog, and this rule is still in place in countries such as Northern

Ireland and the Netherlands.

Sara Kayser, 30, from Lewsey Farm, is one of the members of the group keen to see the legislation introduced once again.

She told *Luton on Sunday*: "It's safer for everyone. Certain groups of dogs are falling into the wrong hands, and this would prevent those people getting the opportunity to either kill dogs or treat their dogs in a way that means they are likely to attack someone."

The Friends of Akitas group

recently held a walk in memory of an Akita named Zeus who was shot and stabbed. There have also been recent incidents where people were bitten by dogs - including in Albert Street and Wigmore Lane.

Bedfordshire Police has issued a warning to dog owners about their responsibilities. Its dangerous dogs advisor Peter Madden, said: "It is against the law for your dog to be dangerously out of control – and we take these offences very seriously."



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Welcome to our 2016 Christmas guide to all things festive, fun and fabulous brought to you by the team at Luton on Sunday.

The season of goodwill starts here and we've got sackfuls of great ideas to inspire, tempt and entertain you.

Check out our terrific gift ideas including the toys that are coming top of every kid's wish-list. And as Christmas is a special time for children we've checked out all the very best family entertainment that's on offer in the area.

Even Santa has tipped us the wink on where he will be and when!

'Tis the season to be jolly so check out our pages on celebrating after sundown so that you can shine like a Christmas star. Then when you are worn out by all that frantic shopping, fun and feasting, why not settle down with our festive 50 family quiz!

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Grab yourself a mulled wine and bag yourself a few bargains ahead of the Christmas rush - and all in the name of supporting local producers!

Bedfordshire

Christmas Comes to Bedford

There will be the usual colourful milieu of traditional fairground rides and attractions along with a comprehensive street entertainment programme, character cameos, school performances and bands across the three days.

Staged throughout the pedestrian area in Bedford Town Centre, the Christmas Fair provides the perfect Christmas environment for shopping and an ideal opportunity for the public to soak up the festive ambience and really get into the Christmas spirit.

Friday, December 16 – Sunday, December 18

Bedford town centre

Additional Markets from Saturday 17 December (then every day up to Christmas Eve)

Carrie's Christmas Handmade and Vintage Fayre, Ampthill

Have a drink at the bar and a peruse unique and hand crafted gifts and treats in time for Christmas. There will be vintage goodies for sale and the town's Christmas Lights Switch-On should provide the perfect festive atmosphere.

November 20, from 11am

The Stables in The White Hart, Ampthill

Entry is free

Makers Market, Luton

Get a few gifts in the bag before November comes calling at this busy little pre-Christmas market packed with local independent crafters and food producers. There will be refreshments available including a variety of homemade cakes. The event is being held in aid of Keech Hospice, taking care of people with life-limiting illnesses.

October 29 – 30, 10am-4pm

Barnfield College, New Bedford Road, Luton

Admission for adults is £2/concessions £1.50.

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Party in the Market, Dunstable

Two Christmas themed market day events take over the usual Saturday market to bring a spot of festive cheer. The events are run in conjunction with the Dunstable Joint Committee and alongside the Special Saturday

programme of events in the Methodist Church Hall. Expect stalls, music, children's entertainment, refreshments and more.

November 5 and December 3, 10-3pm

Ashton Square area, Dunstable

Entry is free

Craft Fair, Riseley

Join the ranks of the super-organised and get in some early Christmas shopping at Riseley Fair. You'll find handmade crafts and edible seasonal treats among the stalls.

November 20, 11-3pm

Riseley village hall

Other: Entry is 50p for adults, kids free entry. There will be a Charity raffle in aid of Dementia Awareness.

Christmas at Stockwood, Luton

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Stockwood Christmas Fair

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The High Street will be shut off for the usual stalls and attractions from about 1.30pm – with the lights being switched on at 4pm.

Sunday, November 27
Woburn Sands

Bradwell Abbey

Go along and browse a range of quality stalls in a magical medieval festive atmosphere. Not only will you be able to pick up beautiful gifts for friends and family, but there will be carolling throughout the day, arts and craft activities for children, festive refreshments will be available and the chapel will be open for viewings. Sunday, December 4, 11am to 4pm
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Wolverton Lantern Festival

A festive street market will be held, including food stalls with products from local producers and makers. The Lantern Parade departs at 4.30pm. Saturday, December 3, 11am to 6pm
The Square, Wolverton.

**Wolverton Winter Food and Fun Fair**

A fantastic winter market with lots to do for all the family! With street food vendors and entertainment. Sunday, November 20, 11am to 6pm
Wyvern School, Wolverton

Shenley Wood Christmas Fair

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Shenley Wood retirement village, Chalkdell Wood, Shenley Drive

Northamptonshire

Northamptonshire's high streets will be hosting Christmas markets and a range of other special events to tempt shoppers this festive season.

The popular German market will return to Northampton on Thursday November 19.

The market will consist of 12 stalls in Abington Street offering food and drinks as well as traditional Christmas gifts and decorations. It will open every day from 9.30am to 7pm until December 20.

The market will launch with a performance from the Oompah Band and the Salvation Army will also add to the atmosphere.

Northampton's Market Square will be holding its usual Monday to Saturday markets as well as additional market days on December 13, 14, 20 and 21.

Market Walk will be the location of Santa's Grotto every weekend from November 26 and from December 17 there will be a week of workshops for children there.

There will be two fabulous Frost Fairs, on Sunday November 27 and December 4 in association with The Magic Bean Café, with over 70 stalls featuring local traders and craft people. The second Frost Fair will culminate in a twinkling lantern parade that will wind through the town at twilight.

A spokesman for Northampton Borough Council said: "Add to that a forest of trees, little and large, lining the town centre, shimmering lights everywhere,

a packed programme of music and entertainment on the Market Square, fabulous independent and unique shops and a traditional market - Christmas in Northampton is well worth a visit.



"More details coming to www.christmasinnorthampton.co.uk from the beginning of November"

There will be late night shopping in Kettering on Thursday December 1, 8, 15 and 22.

There is Big Screen movie entertainment with a family focus in Kettering's Market Place on selected days.

For more details check out Kettering Borough Council's Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/thisiskettering for more details and announcements.

On Saturday December 3 there will be the Teenage Market, Saturday 9-4 in the Town Centre.

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Luton town centre Business Improvement District (BID) is funding a host of events and attractions for December, including two live entertainment afternoons, carol singing on Christmas Eve and a festive free prize draw.



- Luton BID's festive fun highlights: A skating rink will return to St George's Square from 16th December to 6th January (not open Christmas Day), open from 12noon to 8pm, with skating sessions starting on the hour. Skating sessions will cost £4 for a 45 minute session. The rink will close at 4pm on Christmas Eve and will be closed for Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- To entertain the crowds on the day of the Christmas lights switch-on event on 26th November Luton BID is funding characters from the hit children's TV programme 'Paw Patrol', who will be meeting and greeting families and getting crowds from 3pm.
- Live performances from talented

musicians and artists will entertain shoppers in St George's Square from 12noon to 4pm on Saturday 10th December and Saturday, 17th December.

- There will be carol singing in St George's Square from 1pm to 4pm on Christmas Eve.

Another highlight from Luton BID is the return of its free 'Golden Ticket' festive prize draw, with eight lucky shoppers set to win a share of £4,000 of vouchers.



Shoppers can enter by completing a Golden Ticket entry forms, found in the BID's Christmas events flyer which will be available in all town

centre businesses and shops from early November. Entry forms will also be published in the Luton on Sunday in the four weeks commencing 13th November.

Golden Ticket post boxes will be dotted around the town centre and located in the Central Library, The Galaxy, the Travel Centre / Starbucks, in The Mall and The Hat Factory.

The two prize draws will take place on 28th November and 12th December and the winning vouchers must be spent in Luton town centre, ensuring the prize draw supports only businesses in the BID area. Winners will receive one £250 voucher for a national business and £250 of vouchers to spend in independent businesses.

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That's right, panto season is fast approaching. Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is! Make this season one to remember with the enchanting tale of an honest peasant boy, Aladdin, who plans to build a bigger and better life with the help of a magic genie. But, will Aladdin escape the evil clutch of the dastardly Abanazar? Will Aladdin win Princess Jasmine's heart?

Soap villain of the decade Brian Capron, who played the evil Richard Hillman in Coronation Street, will take on another wicked act as Abanazar in this year's panto. As well as regular appearances on TV, Brian is also established in various theatre roles. In pantomime Brian has enlivened the devilish characters as a seasoned baddie and has the perfect qualities to bring to life the true baddie, Abanazar in Aladdin.

From villain to funny man, CBBC

presenter Ed Petrie has been announced as Wishee Washee in this year's Aladdin. A firm favourite with family audiences, Ed has spent ten years on television establishing himself as a comedic actor. Initially starting on CBBC as a continuity presenter, Ed quickly landed his own shows with sidekicks Ouchie T. Cactus and CBBC dogs Hacker and Dodge, before starting his hugely popular current shows, Marrying Mum And Dad and All Over The Place for the channel. Ed is set to bring energy and fun to the role of Wishee Washee!

The magic of panto just keeps giving as the panto dame Widow Twankey and the Genie of the Lamp will be played by Kieran and Sarah of Britain's Got Talent fame, respectively. In 2014, Kieran and Sarah's remarkable performances of popular opera hits got them all the way to the semi-finals of the ITV programme. Now they spend most of the year performing in venues around the country and on cruise ships all over the world. On stage, they have appeared in numerous pantomimes including Robin Hood And The Babes In The Wood in Kent, and the Easter

pantomime of Alice in Wonderland in Cairo, Egypt.

Bringing panto nearer to home, Aladdin will be played by local actor, singer-songwriter and guitarist Joe Ashman. Joe first appeared at the Grove Theatre ten years ago, playing John in our first pantomime, Peter Pan, alongside Brian Blessed. He has since seen success in musical theatre at London's Palladium in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and The Sound Of Music, in theatre including The Cryptogram at the Donmar Warehouse and 2,000 Feet Away at the Bush Theatre, as well as on screen as a guest lead in the 2013 New Year's Eve episode of Casualty on BBC 1. Joe is thrilled to be back at the Grove Theatre this year, playing the title role in our 10th anniversary panto!

With golden pantomime traditions and magic aplenty, Aladdin opens on Thursday 8 December 2016 and runs until Monday 2 January 2017. Tickets start from just £13 and can be purchased from the Box Office on 01582 60 20 80 or online at www.grovetheatre.co.uk.

Win a family tickets for 4 on 8th December at 7pm by answering this simple question
How many wishes does a Magic Genie grant Aladdin?

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Method:

1. Edge the rim of a chilled martini glass with agave syrup, then through the biscuit crumbs so that they stick.
2. Pour all other ingredients bar the orange zest into a Boston glass and shake vigorously.
3. Strain the cocktail into a glass, and grate the orange zest on top to serve.

You will need:

55ml Domaine de Canton ginger liqueur
30ml vanilla vodka
70ml apple cider
Few drops of lemon juice
Orange zest
Agave syrup
Digestive biscuit crumbs

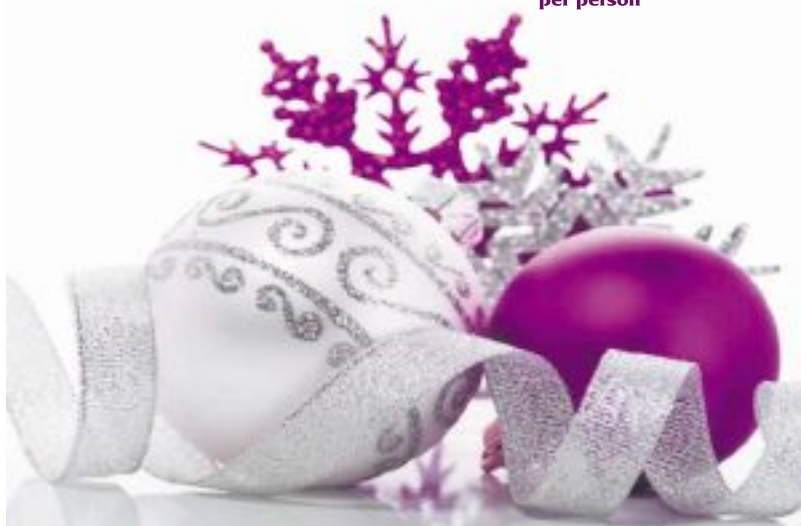


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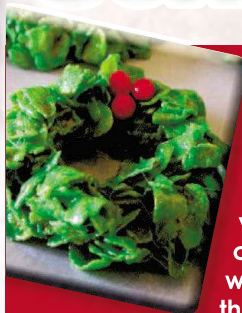
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The easy recipe for 14 wreaths makes a fantastic gift idea for the grandparents or a favourite teacher, or just nibbled as a fun teatime treat. Let youngsters take turns to stir the mixture, and then gleefully lick the spoon!

Method:

1. Melt the butter in a large saucepan over a low heat, stirring frequently to ensure it doesn't burn.
2. Once the butter has melted, add the marshmallows and continue to stir until they have melted too. Add the food colouring gradually until the mix reaches the desired shade.
3. Empty the Corn Flakes into a large bowl, and pour over the melted marshmallows. Stir until the cereal is well coated.
4. Lay a sheet of grease proof paper over a baking tray and spoon on golf ball-sized mounds of the mixture. Allow a little space between each heap. Use a finger to hollow out the middle of each to form the ring shape.
5. Decorate with the miniature Smarties, and put in the fridge to set for at least 45 minutes.

You will need:

75g butter
565g miniature marshmallows
1 tsp green food colouring
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Handful of miniature Smarties



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A Christmas Cracker of a Quiz...

The Festive Fifty!

1. Tom Smith opened his first factory to produce them in 1847. They are still making them today. What are they?
2. On which date does St Stephens day fall?
3. In Charles Dickens novel, A Christmas Carol, who was Scrooge's dead business partner?
4. See if you can crack this festive anagram: NAZI BLURT (6,3)
5. How many points does a snowflake have?
6. The song White Christmas was first performed in which 1942 film?
7. Who is mistakenly believed to have introduced the Christmas Tree in the UK?
8. What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant?
9. Who became an honorary Muppet playing Scrooge in A Muppets Christmas Carol?
10. What happens when Aladdin tries to clean up the magic lamp?
11. Why do we abbreviate Christmas to Xmas?
12. What is the only song to make it to the Christmas No 1 spot in the charts three times?
13. In the classic favourite 1946 film It's a Wonderful Life, what is the name of George Baileys guardian angel?
14. London's Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree is traditionally given by which country?
15. In the song The Twelve Days of Christmas, '... my true love brought to me nine....' What?
16. Name the original eight reindeer from the 'Twas the night Before Christmas' poem (and throw in the name of the one with the shiny red nose for good measure)
17. Here's a hot, spicy anagram to solve: it sounds like we're going to need this to warm us up. NUDE, WE MILL (6,4)
18. Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics '... To save us all from Satan's power, when we were gone astray....'?
19. Which country did St Nicholas come from?
20. The character Jack Skellington appears in which 1993 Tim Burton film?
21. What are the names of the three wise men said to have brought gifts to the baby Jesus?
22. What is New Year's Eve called in Scotland?
23. From which country does the poinsettia plant originate?
24. What is the name of the cake traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas?
25. What were the boys of the NYPD singing as the bells were ringing out for Christmas Day?
26. Over 27 million people, more than half the UK population at the time, tuned in to which TV programme on Christmas Day 1977?
27. When is Christmas Day celebrated in Russia?
28. Who wrote How the Grinch Stole Christmas?
29. If you were born on December 25th what star sign are you?
30. Did Robert Scott set out for the North or the South Pole on Christmas Day 1911?
31. There are 365 days in a year (except when it's a Leap Year). What number is Christmas Day?
32. Who wrote the words of Auld Lang Syne?
33. What does Advent mean?
34. What town is the setting for the movie 'It's a Wonderful Life'?
35. What carol demands that 'figgy pudding' should be brought?
36. Which Christmas slogan was introduced by Clarissa Baldwin of Dogs Trust in 1978?
37. The North Pole, said to be Santa's home, is located in which ocean?
38. In Jack and the Beanstalk, Jack sells the family cow. What does he get in exchange for her?
39. Peter Dinkley sang Walking In The Air in which film?
40. Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean, is a territory of which country?
41. On what street did a cinematic Santa Claus miracle occur?
42. Which Charles Dickens character is famous for saying 'God Bless us everyone'?
43. Driving Home For Christmas was a 1988 hit single for which singer?
44. Can you unravel this anagram? It really is a NESTLING HIT (6,5)
45. On Christmas Day 1914, what did German and British soldiers do?
46. In the 1996 Christmas Special of Only Fools and Horses what did Del Boy and Rodney find in their garage that turned them, overnight, into millionaires?
47. What was the name of the little boy who ended up staying 'Home Alone' at Christmas?
48. Which poem written by Clement Moore was originally titled 'A Visit from Saint Nicholas'?
49. Maripan is made mainly from sugar and the flour or meal of which nut?
50. Which city, famous for its Christmas Market, is also known as the Gingerbread Capital of the world?



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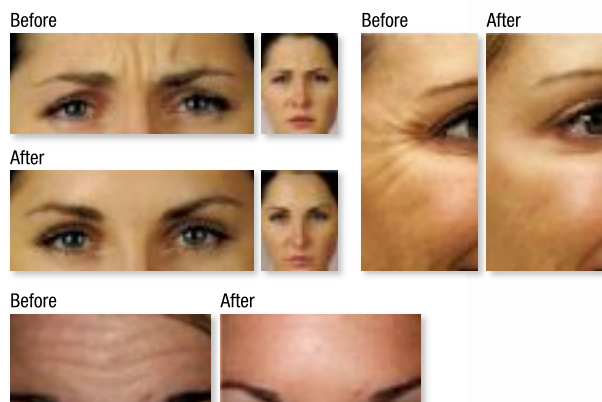
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Panto time: Oh yes, it is!

Stars come out for the launch of
MK Theatre's Christmas panto
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Oooh, aaah: Our guide to the biggest and best firework shows around - on page 46



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The biggest name on the cast is X Factor finalist and Loose Women panellist Stacey Solomon, as she makes her Pantomime debut.

Stacey, who plays the Fairy Bowbells, completer with slinky silver number and magic fairy wand, said: "I am super excited because this is my first Panto. I have always wanted to do something like this and last year I saw my children really get into the world of Panto and thought this is a perfect time to take on a project like this."

"This is one of the first jobs where they are asking me 'Mum can we come every day.' They don't ask to come watch Loose Women."

Comedian Kev Orkian is



also part of the stellar cast and is no stranger to the MK stage, having performed in a number of Festive productions.

So what draws him back each year?

He told BoS: "You're giving the audience a great story line, giving them comedy but also giving them magic. It's taking children for two hours to a magical place where they can't stop shouting and laughing. It's brilliant."

Leading the story of a young man who travels to London in search of riches is Chris Jenkins, who

is no stranger to the West End, and his leading lady will be Hannah Ponting, a newcomer with a lot of talent.

Chris told BoS: "Panto is so steeped in our tradition and is full of nostalgia for everyone. It's always good fun, always a laugh and gets you're in the spirit of Christmas." Hannah added: "This

is all extremely exciting, the cast are wicked and I love the story. I think the rag to riches element is very relatable."

"It is going to be so funny and so much fun, there is something for everyone."

Rounding out the remainder of the cast is comic genius Kevin Brewis as Sarah the Cook, the trademark Dame of the show.

Kevin said: "I've been dressed like this since last January waiting, so there's nothing I like waiting for more."

"Everyone loves pantomime, or they should love it, it's often the first exposure of children to the theatre so what a wonderful introduction to see me dressed like this."

The cast will also be joined by Samantha Womack, who is best known at Ronnie Mitchell in Eastenders, as she dons her coveted furry crown as the evil Queen Rat.

The spectacular show features all the essential pantomime ingredients; a live band, dazzling dance routines, slapstick comedy and bags of audience participation, so get yourself in the spirit of Christmas and get your tickets now.

The show runs from December 8 until January 15 at Milton Keynes Theatre.

Tickets start at £14, visit atgtickets.com/venues/milton-keynes-theatre/ to book yours.

SHE'S BEHIND YOU: Former X Factor finalist Stacey Solomon (inset left) joins the cast of Dick Whittington at MK Theatre (right)



DICK WHITTINGTON
MK THEATRE
DECEMBER 8 -
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| 1. Christmas crackers | 25. Galway Bay |
| 2. December 26 th | 26. The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show |
| 3. Jacob Marley | 27. January 7 th |
| 4. Brazil Nut | 28. Dr Seuss |
| 5. Six | 29. Capricorn |
| 6. Holiday Inn | 30. South Pole |
| 7. Prince Albert | 31. 359 (360 in a Leap Year) |
| 8. White | 32. Robert Burns |
| 9. Sir Michael Caine | 33. The coming or the arrival of Christmas |
| 10. A genie pops out! | 34. Bedford Falls |
| 11. X is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ | 35. We Wish You a Merry Christmas |
| 12. Band Aids Do They Know it's Christmas took the top spot in 1984, 1989 and 2004 | 36. A Dog is for life, not just for Christmas |
| 13. Clarence | 37. Arctic Ocean |
| 14. Norway | 38. Magic Beans |
| 15. Ladies dancing | 39. The Snowman |
| 16. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolf/Mulled Wine | 40. Australia |
| 17. Mulled Wine | 41. 34 th Street |
| 18. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen | 42. Tiny Tim |
| 19. Turkey | 43. Chris Rea |
| 20. The Nightmare Before Christmas | 44. Silent Night |
| 21. Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar | 45. They played a game of football together |
| 22. Hogmanay | 46. A hugely valuable antique watch |
| 23. Mexico | 47. Kevin McCallister (Macaulay Culkin) |
| 24. Panettone | 48. 'Twas the Night Before Christmas |
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Sparks in the dark

IT'S that time of the year again – so wrap up warm and head down to your nearest fireworks event to enjoy some spectacular aerial shows.

The main event of course will be the major show taking place at Popes Meadow on Saturday (November 5).

It'll be free to enter and the gates open at 6.30pm on the night, with the display starting at 7.30pm for all to enjoy.

Also on the night there will be plenty of fairground rides for children to get their thrills, hot food stalls to warm you up with something tasty, and snacks and soft drinks will all be on offer – canyflous anyone?

Car parking is available in all town centre car parks, while disabled parking is available in the tennis courts car park in Wardown Park (accessed via Old Bedford road), with access to the site being via paved footpaths.

The good news is that if you love fireworks, there's more than one event to head along to.

Indeed, an evening earlier than Luton sees Dunstable Town Council holding their annual event to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night at Creasey Park Community Football Centre.

With the usual funfair options for the kids, one particular crowd pleaser will be the opportunity to have your picture taken with one of the Minions from Despicable Me – a Facebook profile picture in the making for sure!

There will also be glowsticks to enjoy,



with the fireworks display lasting 20 minutes – while there is also a 'fire effects spectacular' that sounds very interesting indeed.

The gates open on Friday evening from the new time of 5pm to 6.45pm, with the fireworks display starting at 7.00 pm, so make sure that you get there in plenty of time!

Adults tickets cost £4.00, while chil-

dren (16 years and under) and concessions are £2.00.

Under 5 years are free and there is a great deal with a family ticket for two adults and two children for £10.00, saving you £2.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from dunstable.gov.uk

There's also a Saturday display in Dunstable, being held at the cricket club

in Lancot Park, Totterhoe. Gates open at 5.30pm and the display starts at 6.30pm.

A barbecue and hot drinks are on standby for refreshment, with tickets costing £4 for adults and £2.50 for children – with a family pass for two adults and three kids costing £12.

So enjoy the colour, the snaps, crackles and pops in the sky this week.

What's hot in Luton



THE WORLD'S
 number one Frank Sinatra tribute act - Stephen Triffitt - is celebrating the golden anniversary of Ol' Blue Eyes' famous recording 'Sinatra Live at the Sands'. The production, Frankly Sinatra, features many songs from the album performed just as they were back in 1966. The show visits The Grove Theatre in Dunstable on Thursday at 8pm. Tickets cost from £25 by visiting www.grovetheatre.co.uk, or call the Box Office on 01582 60 20 80.



ONE of our own will be taking to The Bear Club stage on Friday, as The Paul Hegley Band return to the venue. His influences range from Stevie Ray Vaughan, BB King, and Robert Johnson, right through to modern day hero's such as Jack White. Tickets are £5 and £4 concessions.



ONE of the most iconic characters in children's literature - The Very Hungry Caterpillar - plays at Luton Library Theatre from Thursday until Sunday prior to a West End run. Adapted by director Jonathan Rockefeller, it features a menagerie of 75 enchanting puppets. For all times and prices, visit lutonculture.com

COFFEE TIME

PATHWORDS

Starting from the central shaded letter, move one letter at a time (up, down, right or left, but not diagonally) to find 17 sauces.

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S	H	S	N	L	H	C	E	Y	M	E
C	O	A	I	A	A	I	B	T	O	R
S	Y	O	S	N	D	S	E	O	W	C
T	E	R	I	O	H	N	W	M	O	E
R	A	M	A	E	B	R	O	A	T	S
A	N	I	R	R	I	H	S	R	E	T

TRANSFORMER

Add the given letter or letters to the first word to make a new word.

--- + P
 = P ---
 Clue: Turn a gown into an investigation.

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

What word links the following?

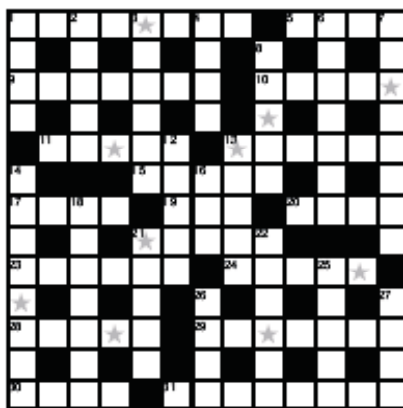
1. --- T
 2. to long for;
 3. poverty;
 4. deficiency.

FIVE ALIVE

Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

AT	HP	RI	IR	DL
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IR	NA	UD	IO	TN
SC		GI		UE
HS	OH	AE	DR	SD

STARSPOT CROSSWORD



SUDOKU

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

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		8					4	9
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				9	6		8	7

Can you find the celebrity names hidden in this crossword? The letters in the starred squares will make an anagram of the name.

CLUE'S ACROSS

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- Accept (4)
- Recount (7)
- Woman's name (8)
- Sorrow (8)
- Volcano rock (8)
- Foolish (8)
- Misty (8)
- Barley (8)
- Harvest (4)
- Shut (8)
- Coarse (8)
- Adhered (8)
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- Picture to oneself (7)
- Flip (4)
- Apartment house (8)

CLUE'S DOWN

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- Snail (8)
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- Boatway (8)
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- Religious worship (7)
- Sloping trough (8)
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SOLUTIONS

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Our price includes

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Our price includes

- A visit to Salisbury's Christmas Market
- Entrance to Longleat's 'Festival of Light', including Longleat House and a winter-Safari
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New village is a runway success

THE RAF base at Upper Heyford may have closed 22 years ago but its fame continues to this day.

Established during the First World War it grew in importance as the Cold War took grip and was largely a base for US fighter, reconnaissance and bomber squadrons. Consequent, along with Greenham Common in Berkshire, Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire became the focus of anti-war protests during the 1980s.

It went on to be a base for US air force bombers operating in both Libya and during the first Gulf War but, in between operations, it also had a lesser-known use.

Its huge hangars and aprons are also a favoured location for film shoots and can be seen in a raft of movies including 1982's Bond film Octopussy as well as Muppets Most Wanted and Fortitude (both 2014) and 2013's zombie flick World War Z.

The most recent film to be shot there is the Natalie Portman, Oscar Isaac and Jennifer Jason



Leigh science fiction blockbuster Annihilation, due for release next year.

And you can live there, too. A new village is being built within wing-tip touching distance of the former runways.

Heyford Park will include 150 houses as well as its own US-style brasserie, a corner shop, secondary school and a community space.

The development is being built by the Dorchester Group and is proving as popular as some of the films shot there.

All the homes for sale starting at £359,000 have now sold leaving just five of its more upmarket Kensington properties left, for sale at £459,995 each.

■ **More information: 01869 238 238 or www.heyfordpark.co.uk**

Villa where Pinocchio was penned

LIKE the little wooden boy who's brought alive in the story, it's hard to know the truth about whether a new Hollywood film version of the Pinocchio story is going to get off the ground.

Originally developed by actor Robert Downey Junior's production company, the latest news is that Hollywood studio Warner Bros has picked up the project and brought Ron Howard on board to direct it.

The film will have to be good to better Disney's Academy Award winning version in 1940, which was based on a 19th century novel by Italian author Carlo Collodi.

The 1940 film, which was Disney's second after Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, featured Pinocchio's famously extendable wooden nose, which lengthens every time he lies.

It still has fans today and in 2008 the movie was voted the second best animated film ever by the American Film Institute. It also has an unusual 100% rating on film review site Rotten



Tomatoes.

The original story by Collodi was written between 1880-1881 at Villa dei Satiri, which is outside the Tuscan town of Lucca in Italy. Collodi spent much of childhood at the villa and returned there many times, including to write his most famous book.

The four-storey property, which has hosted several famous

guests, including Napoleon Bonaparte, is currently being sold by Casaitalia International through Italian property website www.gate-away.com for 19 million.

It includes the huge main villa, a summer house, restaurant, butterfly house, separate baths and also large ornate gardens, which are open to the public.

Depp ditches his colourful LA property



All eyes are on Johnny Depp at the moment as the next instalment of Pirates of the Caribbean film, due to be released in May next year, gets ready to sail.

But the 53-year-old actor has had a starring role of a different kind recently during his acrimonious split with Amber Heard.

During their 15-month marriage details of their stormy relationship leaked out to the media including, most famously,

a video shot by Heard at their Los Angeles apartment.

The apartment where the fracas took place in is one of five properties Depp owns within the 13-story Eastern Columbia Building, one of the city's most beautiful Art Deco edifices designed by Claud Beelman.

Depp and Heard had been using the apartments – which compromise four two-bedroom units plus a one-bedder – as a single home.

She recently concluded a \$7 million separation from Depp and, following this, he moved

out of the apartments and put the whole property on the market for \$12.78 million.

The property is available to buy as one 11,500 sq ft home or as separate apartments. But either way the next owner will get to enjoy Depp's quirky, colourful and distinct interior design style. The apartments include several large murals, for example.

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Why rent this home? It's pure and simple

THE tenants who've snapped up this one bedroom flat recently will get an extraordinary landlord to boot.

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The property is being let out by Noel Sullivan, who you may remember was the cheeky chappie member of Hear'Say, the group created out of Pop Idol, ITV's forerunner of the X Factor.

After winning the 2001 competition, the five members of Hear'Say went on to have several No.1 hits including Pure and Simple and Way to Your Love and a chart-topping album, Popstars. But it was short lived. In January 2002 Kym Marsh quit the group and seven months



Hear'Say disbanded.

The group helped create several celebrity careers, nevertheless. This includes Mylene Klass, Kym Marsh and Noel, who now works as both a singer and actor in musicals and on TV.

Recently he's been on tour with the musical Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, has a new album

out, Here I Go Again, and has just landed a TV role in BBC drama Ordinary Lies.

Noel has been renting out his one-bedroom apartment in SW London for some time and recently switched from a traditional local agent to Upad.co.uk which, he says, helped him rent out the property within a week.



Beauty spot that's dead gorgeous

IT sometimes feels as if the South West region is being turned into a film set for TV historic dramas and police procedurals.

Poldark has put much of Cornwall's western coastline and countryside on the tourist map while Broadchurch has done the same for Dorset's West Bay, as has Doc Martin for Port Isaac, also in Cornwall.

Another town currently getting the TV treatment is BBC crime drama The Coroner starring Clare Goose and Matt Bardock. It's filmed in Devon and is currently in production for its second series.

One of the most beautiful locations featured within it last series was Hope Cove, a small seaside village in South Hams five miles west of Salcombe.

The village is famous for its amazing coastal walks and sandy beaches and is therefore an ideal place to buy a holiday home to rent out. This, it is claimed by agent March & Petit, is because



its holiday letting season "has always been longer than its more vibrant neighbour Salcombe".

■ The agent (01548 844473 or www.marchandpetit.co.uk) is offering a three-bedroom duplex apartment overlooking the cove

for £295,000. It's within Armada House, a property named after the 1588 landings by troops from the Spanish Armada in the cove. It was the last time armed troops from an unfriendly nation set foot on British soil.



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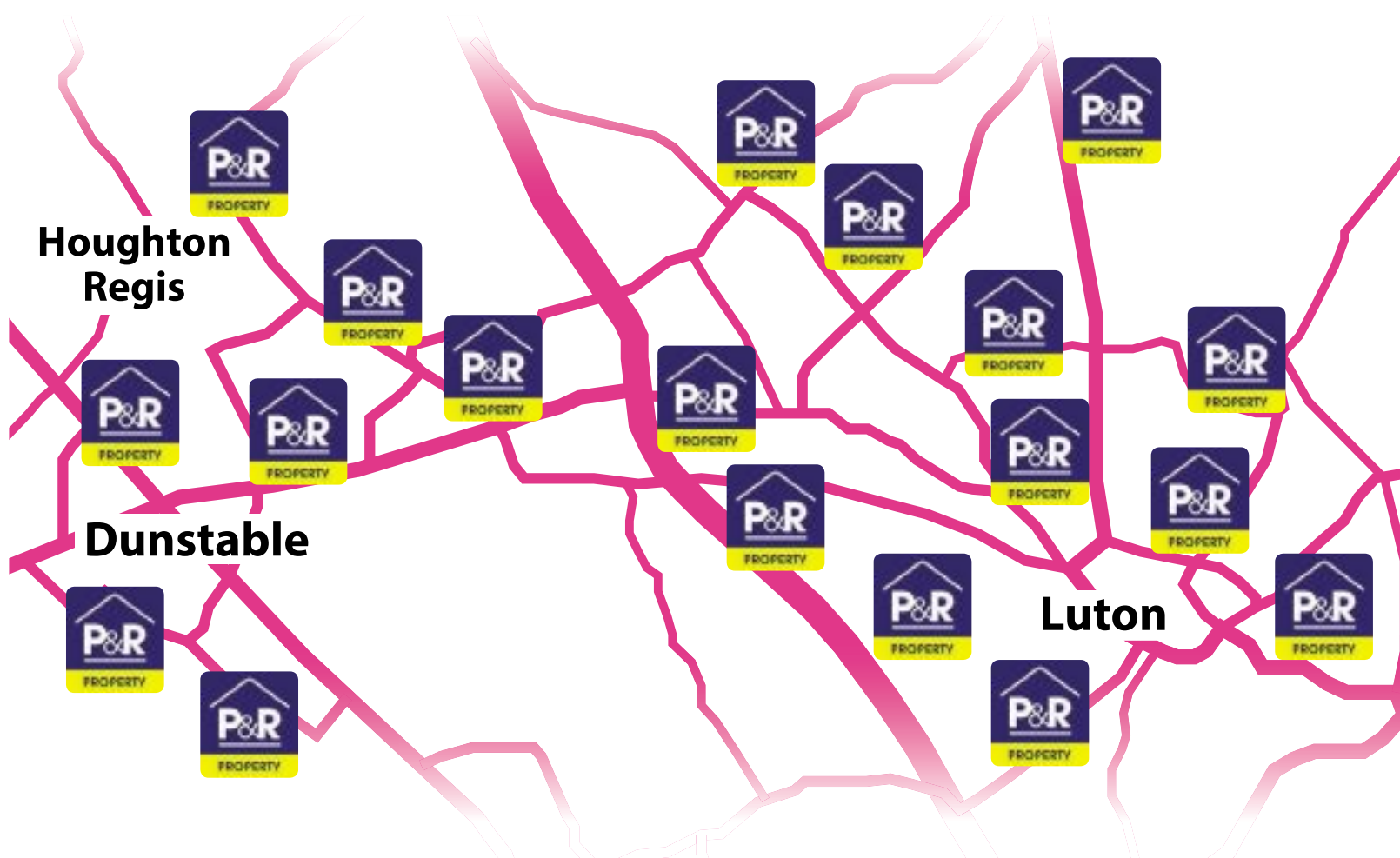
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Sell now and move by Christmas, says Connells

Connells' Six Week Challenge to sell your home in record time -

Local estate agency Connells are urging homeowners to start marketing their homes now if they want to be moved by Christmas. According to the branch, September is an ideal time to sell your home and by taking advantage of the company's 'Six Week Challenge', customers can successfully sell their property in record time and for the best price.

"September is an ideal time to sell your home," says Will Jones **Branch Partner** at Connells **Stopsley** "It's traditionally one of the busiest times of the year for us with the summer holidays over, and buyers returning to the market keen to purchase before the end of the year."

"Our 'Six Week Challenge' – where we use all our expertise and knowledge of the local housing market to help sellers secure a buyer in less than six weeks - has been hugely successful for our customers over the summer months," continues Will. "With even more properties required to meet current buyer demand, we would urge those interested in moving to make the most of a buoyant housing market and put us to the challenge!"

If you are thinking of selling your home, keen to move by Christmas and would like to be considered for Connells' 'Six Week Challenge', please contact the local branch on **01582 737069** or email: **Stopsley@connells.co.uk**



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5 bedroom detached property with two reception rooms, extended kitchen located in the North of Luton off of Old Bedford Road.

Bushmead

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For sale this heavily extended 3 bedroom detached property located in the Bushmead Catchment. Benefits include entrance, cloakroom, lounge, extended lounge area, kitchen/dining room, study a further room down stairs which could be used as a 4th bedroom or office. Further benefits included en-suite

Farley Hill

O.I.E.O. **£260,000**

Connells are pleased to offer this 3 bedroom semi detached property with great links to the M1. The property briefly comprises of: entrance hall, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, 3 bedrooms and family bathroom plus off road parking. This property is a must see and shouldn't be missed.

Chalney Catchment

O.I.E.O. **£250,000**

We are pleased to offer for sale this 3 bedroom semi detached property located in the Chalney Catchment area. This property comprises of entrance hall, Lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms and family bathroom. Also benefits large rear garden.

Luton

£240,000

Connells are delighted to have been chosen to market this recently built two bedroom mid home situated in the very sought after Farley Hill area of Luton

Luton

£245,000

Connells are pleased to offer this 2 bedroom semi detached bungalow situated in the popular Warden Hill area of Luton. Comprises : Entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and gardens front and rear.

Luton

O.I.E.O. **£220,000**

A 3 bedroom mid terrace house situated in the popular location of High Town. The property, which is close to all amenities, briefly comprises : entrance, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing (where specified) and gardens.

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An ideal first buy, this staggered terrace is situated in the 'Bramingham' area of Luton. Benefits include a fitted family bathroom, 2 bedrooms, lounge/diner, kitchen & an enclosed rear garden.

Luton

OIRO £235,000

A very spacious semi detached property situated in the Lewsey Farm area of Luton. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens with an outbuilding.

Luton

OIRO £240,000

Offered with no upper chain this end of terrace property is situated within walking distance to mainline train station. Briefly comprises entrance porch, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, 3 bedrooms, front & rear gardens.

Luton

POA

Situated in the sought after Challeney school catchment area of Luton, this semi detached property comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens with off road parking

Luton

Offers Over £260,000

Immaculate inside with benefits to include lounge/diner, 3 bedrooms, double glazing, gas central heating, front & rear gardens, shared drive & detached garage.

Luton

£220,000

A well maintained, spacious end terrace property situated in the Marsh Farm area of Luton. Briefly comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, L shaped kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens & a garage in a block.

Luton

Offers in Excess £250,000

Connells are pleased to offer for sale this semi detached property situated in the Hockwell Ring area of Luton. Briefly comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens & off road parking.

Luton

£190,000

An ideal investment, this terraced property is situated in the Marsh Farm area of Luton. The property briefly comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge/diner, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, front & rear gardens & a garage in a block.

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VAUXHALL PARK

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PUTTERIDGE

£235,000

2 bed mid-terraced house in the heart of Putteridge, a short walk to all of the local shops & other amenities. Bedrooms are good size doubles. Comprises of a kitchen/diner, upstairs bathroom & large rear garden with garage

PUTTERIDGE

O.I.E.O. £280,000

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The rear garden has access to the outside wc, shed and the large workshop. The property is in good condition and benefits from double glazing and gas central heating.

FOR SALE



Pomfret Avenue

£215,000

A fantastic opportunity to purchase this spacious two bedroom property. The property is located in the popular Pomfret Avenue. Being situated close to

the town centre and the mainline station which provides the quick link into central London. The property benefits from lovely front and rear gardens.

The internal accommodation comprises entrance porch, living room, dining room, extended kitchen as well as the wet room on the first floor.

FOR SALE



West Luton

£244,950

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Beech Hill

£244,999

Promptmove.co.uk are delighted to offer to the market this traditional family home. On the ground floor, the property provides; entrance hall, living room, dining room and the fitted kitchen. On the first floor, there are three bedrooms and the fitted bathroom. To the front, there is the front garden. There is also the rear garden. The property benefits from double glazing and gas central heating.

FOR SALE



Oak Road

£190,000

In good condition is this two bedroom house. The property has been decorated to a good standard. On the ground floor, the accommodation provides two reception rooms, the recently refitted kitchen and the shower room. On the first floor, there are the two double bedrooms. The lovely rear garden has been recently landscaped. The property benefits from double glazing and gas central heating.

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Beech Hill

£184,995

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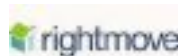
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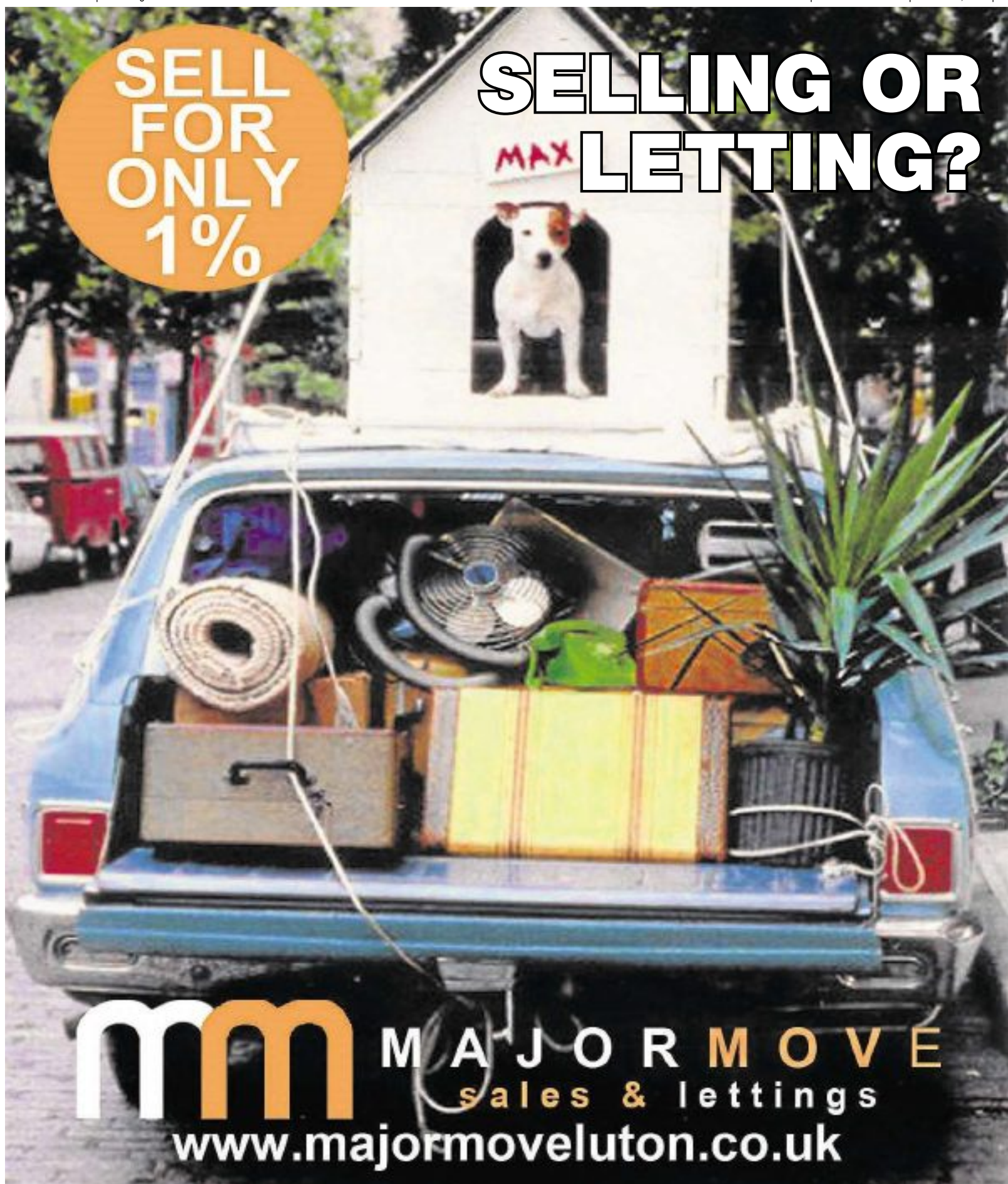
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We are looking for dynamic and motivated individuals, who hold a qualification in social work, to join us on that journey.

The role of the MASH officer is to:

- receive and handle all initial Children's Social Care contacts and queries entering the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) via telephone and written methods
- prioritise the most vulnerable and at risk individuals and recommend appropriate advice and action, ensuring that all contacts are signposted or handed over to appropriate staff and services for timely and high quality action.

This role is located within the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and the post holder will be working with the most vulnerable service users in the Borough. You will be expected to work in partnership with a wide range of professionals from other agencies including the police, health, education and voluntary organisation to ensure a seamless, quality service.

Closing Date: 24th November 2016

Missing Children and Young People's Co-ordinator

£24,717 - £27,394 p.a.

Permanent

Full Time - 37 hours per week

Vacancy ID: 105671

The role of the Missing Children and Young People's Co-ordinator is to improve the protection and support to children at risk of, or who are actually going missing. You will also assist the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Manager with the co-ordination of responses to Luton's missing children that are consistent.

You will work with partners to develop improving services according to identified needs. You will undertake return home interviews and direct support to children who have been missing. An essential part of the post will require direct service user contact and will include an element of home visiting.

This position is located within the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and the post holder will be working with the most vulnerable service users in the Borough. You will be expected to work in partnership with a wide range of professionals from other agencies including the police, health, education and voluntary organisation to ensure a seamless, quality service.

As Missing Children and Young People's Co-ordinator you will help to ensure individuals and agencies that contact the MASH are satisfied with the customer service provided in relation to missing children. You will also ensure information is captured and recorded on the appropriate electronic system.

Closing Date: 24th November 2016

Administration Officer

£17,169 - £18,560 p.a.

Permanent

Full Time - 37 hours per week

Vacancy ID: 105672

As an Administration Officer you will provide a comprehensive administrative and clerical support service. You will be an integral part of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and will be focusing on the efficient provision of customer focussed administration support in order to assist in the achievement of the division's aims and objectives. You will also play a vital support role enabling the Organisation to meet statutory obligations, performance targets, customer satisfaction and value for money.

The role will need you to organise your own workload in line with the requirements set by legislation and senior management including the need for flexible and responsive working. A variety of deadlines and competing demands will need to be met as required by the division and there may be, on occasion the need to attend meetings outside normal hours.

The expectation of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub hours of operation will be 8:45am to 5:20pm (4.30pm on Friday).

The MASH is to eventually be located in Luton Police Station. All employees based within the Luton MASH are required to undergo additional checks/vetting by Bedfordshire Police.

The vetting process is separate to the Enhanced Disclosure Barring Service check that the Council will also undertake for this role. You are required to comply with the vetting process outlined by Bedfordshire Police. In the event that you do not receive the appropriate level of vetting clearance from Bedfordshire Police, the Council will consider the implications and the impact that this may have on your employment.

Closing Date: 24th November 2016

Administration Clerk

£17,169 - £18,560 p.a.

Permanent

Full Time - 37 hours per week

Vacancy ID: 105674

The Adult Social Care Administrative Team provides performance and data quality support for the department. The team are looking for two Administration clerks who will work across different teams as required ensuring the Department receives professional business support in the areas of Finance, Human Resources, Planning, Quality, Performance Management, IT and Office Administration.

The role will require you to provide comprehensive administration and support service to the Adult Social Care department. All administration clerks in Adult Social Care are committed to the achievement of departmental aims and targets through monitoring quality and performance, providing professional advice and support to front-line staff, as well as the co-ordination of systems and processes to ensure that appropriate service can be delivered efficiently and effectively.

In addition, the successful candidate will assist in the design, printing and publication of a wide range of materials including public information leaflets, Health Action Plan packs and ensure supplies are maintained to meet operational needs. Please note the role will be expected to cover all teams within Adult Social Care and you will be expected to travel across Luton Council to provide these services.

Closing Date: 8th November 2016

Day Care Officer

£17,169 - £18,560 p.a. pro rata

Permanent

Part Time - Various hours

Vacancy ID: 105633

As a Day Care Officer you will undertake complete personal and individualised care (physical, social and emotional) to enable customers to achieve maximum independence, freedom and choice.

You will be an allocated Key Worker to a number of clients which will involve care planning & risk assessing with the individual client to ensure they can meet their stated outcomes.

You will also assist in arranging, preparing & providing social activities for the Clients both in the Day Centre & in the Community.

The post holder will also be required to work in all the Day Centres across the Borough when necessary.

The posts available are:

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Closing Date: 1st November 2016

Catering Officer

£15,823 - £16,772 p.a. pro rata

Fixed Term - 6 months

Part Time - 25 hours per week

Vacancy ID: 105652

You will be based at Hockwell Day Centre, situated in Betty Dodd Court. Occasionally you may be requested to work in various Day Centres across the borough of Luton.

As a Catering Officer you will prepare & serve regenerated meals for up to 24 people daily.

An important part of this role is to prepare basic snacks and drinks from fresh and dried ingredients provide assistance in the development of meal plans & ordering of food. You will be required to maintain high standards of kitchen & food hygiene and undertake manual cleaning duties as necessary.

It will be essential that you undertake the Basic Food Hygiene Training and obtain the Certificate of training within the first 9 months of service.

You may be requested to work in various Day Centres across the borough of Luton.

Closing Date: 1st November 2016

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Referral Order Volunteer

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Vacancy ID: 105692

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How it works

As part of the Panel, Community Panel Members meet with the young person, their parents/carers/supporters and sometimes the victims to talk about the offence, the experiences of the victim and the issues faced by the young person. You will then all agree a contract designed to help the young person to stop offending and make up for the harm they have caused. The contract is designed to prevent young people from re-offending, but also to make some reparation to the victim or the community affected by their crime.

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Shackleton Primary School
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Main scale
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Main scale
Full Time

Post 3 – Teaching assistant

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For further details and an application pack please contact Mrs S Peck on tel: 01234 352912 or email: s.peck@shackletonprimary.co.uk

Closing Date (for all roles): 11th November 2016, 4 pm

Interview Date: Posts 1 and 2 – 21st November 2016

Post 3 – 24th November 2016

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Closing Date: 11th November 2016

Interview Date: 21st November 2016

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Closing Date: 18th November 2016

Interview date: TBC

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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (FIREWORKS DISPLAY) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES & PARKING BAY SUSPENSION) ORDER 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on 27th October 2016 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation at 5 pm on 3rd November 2016, and will cease operation after 9pm on 5th November 2016 or when the proposed Luton Fireworks events have finished. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed. Parking bays on Northwell Drive and Old Bedford Road will be suspended from 8am on 3rd November 2016 until midday on 7th November 2016.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to vehicular traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the Luton Fireworks events to take place and it is anticipated that the events will take place within the date and times described as above and as listed in the Schedule below. The purpose of the Order is to enhance the safety of the public attending the Luton Fireworks events.

Details of road closures and diversions can be found at <http://www.luton.gov.uk/roadworks>

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

30th October 2016

Highway Services Manager
Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	DATES AND TIMES
Alwyn Close.	The whole length.	Saturday 5 th November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.
Bowling Green Lane.	The whole length.	Saturday 5 th November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.
Denham Close.	The whole length.	Thursday 3 rd November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.
Earles Mead.	The whole length.	Saturday 5 th November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.
Greenside Park.	The whole length.	Saturday 5 th November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.
Havelock Road	From its junction with Clarendon Road to its junction with Wensleydale.	Saturday 5 th November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.
Havelock Rise	The whole length.	Saturday 5 th November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.
Knights Field.	The whole length.	Saturday 5 th November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.
Morris Close.	The whole length.	Thursday 3 rd November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.
Northwell Drive.	From its junction with Whitehorse Vale /Stockholm Way to its junction with The Moakes.	Thursday 3 rd November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.
Old Bedford Road.	From its junction with Cromwell Hill, to its junction with Stockingstone Road.	Saturday 5 th November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.
The Wickets.	The whole length.	Saturday 5 th November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.
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Wensleydale.	The whole length.	Saturday 5 th November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.
Wexham Close.	The whole length.	Thursday 3 rd November 2016 from 5pm to 9pm.

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (WEXHAM CLOSE) (TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE) (No.*) ORDER 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation 21st November 2016 and cease operation after a period of 6 months or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to pedestrians the footpath and length of footpath in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described in the Schedule below unless such works are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.

The purpose of the Order is to carry out gas connection works.

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30th October 2016

Highway Services Manager
Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE

FOOTPATH.	LENGTH OF FOOTPATH.	DATES.
Wexham Close.	Footpath outside of No's 48-49 Wexham Close.	21st November 2016 - 23rd November 2016.

LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL NOTICE IS GIVEN UNDER

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) REGULATIONS 1990

Site: 28 King Street

Description: Alterations to front elevation relocated front entrance door and replacement of windows on ground floor, and replacement of 8 windows and one door at rear elevation.

Application No: 16/01829/FUL Town Centre Conservation Area

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Development Control Manager

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (DUNSTABLE ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) (NO.*) ORDER 2016

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30th October 2016

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SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	TIMES
Dunstable Road.	At its junction with Bury Park Road. The eastbound carriageway outside 170 Dunstable Road. A distance of approximately 20 metres	From 23.00 hours to 06.00 hours.

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Plus mark for new Ford Ka

By: Stewart Smith



FORD'S all new Ka+ is set to take to the road as a bargain priced replacement of the Ka which first appeared 20 years ago and proved a popular model in the small car sector.

But any resemblance to the original is marginal as the new supermini has five doors and is almost as big as a Ford Fiesta with which much of its underpinning and other components are shared. It joins Ford's small-car line-up alongside the best-selling Fiesta, and the Ka+ provides an new alternative for buyers who want a spacious, well-equipped and high-quality small car at a price starting from £8,995.

Ford says that demand for affordable small cars is increasing in Europe, with price, fuel

efficiency and comfort among the leading factors in buyers' decision making.

The all-new Ford Ka+ is a five-door hatchback based on Ford's global small-car platform, and offers good space for five people despite its overall length of less than four metres.

The Ka+ is designed to be high on practicality with 270 litres of luggage space – enough to accommodate two medium-size suitcases – plus 60/40 split-folding rear seats, and 21 storage locations for small items throughout the cabin.

Ford is claiming class-leading front headroom of 1,002mm, rear legroom of 896mm and rear hip space of 1,335mm.

The interior delivers enough room for a two

metre tall passenger to sit behind a two metre tall driver.

Equipment in the new Ka+ is upmarket and includes the MyFord Dock in the centre of the instrument panel that enables occupants to store, mount and charge mobile devices such as phones and navigation systems.

Large front door bins can each hold a 1.0-litre bottle, a 0.6-litre bottle and a small umbrella.

Another feature is a hidden stowage bin within the end of the instrument panel which is only accessible when the driver's door is open, allowing valuables to be hidden out of sight.

Outwardly the new small Ford may not share many of the original Ka's styling but it looks

purposeful with a distinctive high-mounted trapezoidal grille with large, swept-back headlamps and all models offer a smart, integrated finish with chrome detailing for the front grille, together with body-coloured bumpers, door handles and door mirrors.

A two-piece rear skirt with black insert adds character specifically for European models and also reduces replacement costs in the event of low-speed accident damage.

The interior features a grained finish on the instrument panel and contemporary trim materials in a dark charcoal colour scheme.

The Ka+ comes with a standard five-speed manual transmission and the tried and tested 1.2-litre engine has improved fuel efficiency with the use of low-friction engine oil and regenerative charging, which saves fuel by maintaining efficient charge levels in the vehicle battery by capturing 'free' electrical energy when drivers coast or brake.

There are two series options - Studio offered with a 70bhp engine and Zetec which will be offered with both 70bhp and 85bhp options. Both engines achieve CO2 emissions of 114g/km, with combined fuel consumption of 56.5mpg.

Studio and Zetec both come with standard safety equipment including six airbags, electronic stability control with hill start assist, and a tyre pressure monitoring system that can advise drivers with a warning light when a tyre is significantly under-inflated.

All models feature a comprehensive standard specification including chrome front grille, front fog lamps with day running lights, power front windows, electrically operated door mirrors with side indicators, perimeter alarm with remote central locking, a speed limiter and Ford's Easy Fuel system which is designed to prevent filling up from the wrong pump.

Special edition Ka+ Zetec Black and White versions will also be available to order later this year.

The Ka+ Zetec Black and White editions contrast either a black body colour with white roof and door-mirrors, or a white body with black roof and door-mirrors.

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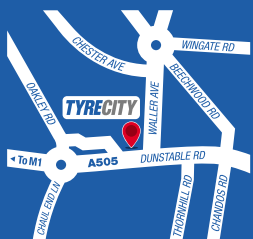
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Ford Edge 180 Sport

By: Robin Roberts

FORD expect to really cut it with the Edge.

SUV sales are soaring and it's the must-be sector for every car manufacturer so Ford has topped its range of "active" models up to now led by the Kuga with a completely new range of larger cars.

There are 11 Edge models on sale in four trim levels using 180 or 210ps turbo-diesel engines, with a choice of manual or dual-clutch automatic transmissions and priced between £30,000 and £40,250.

Most popular is the 180 Sport version we tried, which is the mid-range of the model line-up.

The Edge is well-equipped as standard, offering Ford intelligent all-wheel drive, Active Noise Control, pedestrian detection, Ford DAB Audio with SYNC connectivity, privacy glass and 19-inch alloy wheels.

The 180ps four-cylinder engine yields 400Nm of torque at 2,000rpm but it's not particularly brisk from rest although it has a good spread of power for the intermediate ratios when overtaking.

It also cruises very easily and economically on main roads and motorways when it will return just over 40mpg.

In the upper two ratios it's not particularly flexible and when you are driving across country you might see the consumption rise to 34mpg, particularly if you have a lot of people aboard.

Within its mid-range performance envelope, the 180 Edge is composed and quiet, fairly economical, and smooth. Sometimes I wished it was more powerful.

Only at the highest revs in the lower ratios does the engine sound busy and a few passengers commented on how quiet it was for a diesel in general use.

The clutch pedal had a good light and progressive take up while the six-speed gearbox was also slick and silent, and the adaptive steering was always well weighted for town or open roads.

Under braking it hauled down speed without drama and a good degree of feedback and the automatic electric parking brake securely held it on our regular test slope.

The usual stalks for headlights and wipers/wash were well placed and vision was clear in any conditions, helped by wide angle reversing and front cameras and a well priced £150 parking assist system.

Edge has a high waistline and tail so you have blindspots but the cameras, sensors and big mirrors help when manoeuvring, but you still need to exercise care.

Inside, the car had a £2,000 optional Lux Pack including heated and cooled powered front seats and they were very comfortable with a lot of adjustment range; as well as a big powered sunroof.

For the driver, an adjustable column helped get the right position and there was a clear view to the front and sides with slim front pillars to the windscreen.

I would have preferred less congested twin instruments directly in front of me, or larger instruments, because the amount of information they displayed was tremendous.

Heating and ventilation was very good throughout with straightforward controls, good output and directional settings and temperature selection. Oddments space was particularly good for a family car.

Many SUVs have a bias towards a hard ride and while Edge has sports springing and damping it actually felt very compliant and comfortable over all but the worst surfaces we encountered. You could hear the system working but it rarely made you feel it.

Handling was good, led by that steering system with a big footprint from the tyres, and it had no real vices with the 180ps output underfoot.

It took five in comfort and with room to spare while the boot floor was high and not particularly deep it was long and wide. It also came with a spare tyre rather than a questionable inflation kit.

Of all the new SUVs on the market, the Ford Edge is among the best and its interior trim and outward styling catches the eyes.

We were asked on a few occasions what model it was and for a car to stand out these days it has to have an edge on its competitors. As the name suggests, the Edge does.

FAST FACTS

Ford Edge 180 Sport

Price: £35,250

Mechanical: 180ps, 1,998cc, 4cyl diesel engine driving four wheels via 6-speed manual gearbox

Max speed: 124mph

0-62mph: 9.9 seconds

Combined mpg: 38

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SEAT LEON 2017 REVEALED BY: CHRIS RUSSON



SUBTLE changes are being made to the SEAT Leon bringing the car up to date for 2017. Sharper styling is being introduced front and back and some extra technology is coming on board.

There's also a new upmarket XCELLENCE trim and two new engines are joining the line up. The new model will be on the road early next February and prices are still to be announced.

SEAT will also be releasing a hot new Leon Cupra range in the first few months of 2017. The Leon XCELLENCE will sit at the top of the five model range and includes leather and alcantara upholstery as an option as well as chrome body highlights, LED interior lighting and keyless operation. Across the range the style of the car has been tweaked with sharper lines, a wider grille and new look light clusters front and rear. Two new engines – a 1.0-litre three cylinder turbo petrol and a 1.6-litre diesel – are being added to the range. Both have power outputs of 115ps. Extra equipment includes a semi-autonomous drive system that controls the car in slow moving traffic, road sign recognition, blind spot monitors and a software upgrade which allows voice and gesture control for the onboard systems. A wireless phone charger is also being fitted to the new models. The changes are being made to all three models in the Leon range – the hatch, coupe and the estate - which are currently priced from £17,200.

NEW MUSSO WORKHORSE FROM SSANGYONG

BY: STEWART SMITH

SSANGYONG has announced the launch of a Musso one-tonne pick-up which is powered by a new 2.2-litre turbo-diesel engine. The Musso four-wheel-drive has the towing capability to haul up to three tonnes yet can also double as a family car and can be used for towing a boat trailer or horse box. It goes on sale in the UK this month and the newly developed turbo-diesel engine meets the latest Euro 6 emission standards with maximum power of 178bhp. There are two models in the range. The SE includes a new-look front grille and dashboard, as well as silver finish 18-inch alloy wheels and hard wearing leather-look seat upholstery. It is priced from £15,995 excluding VAT. The EX version has black 18-inch alloy wheels, roof rails, front LED daytime running lights, leather with heated front seats, power operated driver's seat, automatic air conditioning, automatic headlights, rain sensing wipers, a seven-inch touchscreen incorporating an RDS radio, iPod and Bluetooth connectivity. The EX with manual transmission is priced at £17,995 ex VAT, and is also available with a six speed Aisin automatic transmission priced from £18,995 excluding VAT.



The new Musso truck is fitted with multi-link rear suspension and progressive rear coil springs - the only pick-up at this price to offer such a system. The loadbed of 2.04 square metres can carry a Euro standard pallet. Paul Williams, chief executive of SsangYong Motor UK, said: "Our commercial vehicles represent an intrinsic part of the SsangYong range and we decided to reintroduce the Musso name to differentiate this superb utility truck from our passenger cars. "Musso - which means rhinoceros in Korean - is a tough, robust proposition for any trade, and with a specification, price and warranty no others can compete with."

MINI PLUGS IN TO HYBRID POWER BY: STEWART SMITH



socket for the battery is integrated in the left side scuttle. Everything looks familiar in the cockpit with the exception of the start/stop button in the centre of the dashboard glows yellow instead of red. Press the button to start the car and the vehicle remains silent as the hybrid model always starts in electric mode.

The rev counter in the instrument cluster on the steering column has been replaced with a power display. When the combustion engine starts varies depending upon on the vehicle's speed and the intensity with which the driver operate the accelerator pedal. A special feature of the hybrid MINI is that it is basically a four-wheel-drive car. The electric motor transmits its power to the rear wheels, the combustion engine to the front wheels. Head of MINI brand management Sebastian Mackensen said: "With this model we want to convince MINI customers of the benefits of hybrid drive and impress everyone who already has hybrid driving experience with MINI's unique go-kart driving feel. "The key to achieving this lies in intelligent energy management which is used to control how the combustion engine and electric motor operate together. For this reason, the first MINI plug-in hybrid model is not solely focused on efficiency, but in pursuit of driving fun." Trials of the new model are continuing before BMW takes any decision of putting the MINI PHEV into production

BMW has almost completed the development of the first MINI plug-in hybrid model. It features a petrol combustion engine and an electric motor enabling purely electric propulsion for zero emission motoring. The MINI plug-in hybrid, or PHEV, comes with a high-voltage battery under the rear seats providing power for long-lasting electric driving.

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Headline cars this occasion are a 1965 Mercedes-Benz 230SL "Pagoda", at £60,000-80,000, and a 1989 Ford Sierra "Sapphire" Cosworth, with just 22,744 miles, at £26,000-28,000.

Starter classics include a 1993 Mercedes-Benz E200, with full MoT and just 86,000 miles, for £1,000-1,250 and a 1980 Triumph Spitfire priced at £2,500-3,500.

The lineup is rounded out by a selection of post-war, chrome-bumper Jaguars, with two MkIIs, an S-Type and a MkI all on offer for between £16,000-25,000.

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NEW SUV FROM AUTO GIANT GEELY

BY: STEWART SMITH

CHINESE car maker Geely is to launch a new premium SUV on the global market next year which has been designed and engineered by Volvo which the company also owns. Called the Lynk & Co 01 it will be the first of several new models the Chinese giant will roll out in the next few years. The 01 has been designed by Brit Peter Horbury in Sweden with support from studios in Shanghai, Barcelona and Los Angeles. It is due go on sale in China next year with sales in the UK expected towards the end of 2018. The Lynk & Co 01 will be powered by Volvo engines including a 1.5-litre three-cylinder petrol unit, a hybrid and an all-electric model. There will be a choice of seven-speed auto or manual gearboxes plus front or all-wheel drive. The new brand will be marketed on a different basis than normal. Lynk & Co cars will be sold online or in owned stores in strategic retail locations, with fixed prices. Cars will be delivered, and picked up for service directly at the door of the owner. New solutions for car usage and access will be offered – from traditional ownership, leasing or sharing between small groups.

The new SUV will be kitted out with high-tech gear including a 10-inch central touchscreen and telematics systems that are connected to the Internet 24-7. Apple CarPlay and MirrorLink connectivity is supported and well as Android Auto. It can also be controlled by smartphone via a Lynk & Co app. All Lynk & Co models, as with Volvos, have been developed to meet the latest top rating safety ratings and as well as all its passive safety features the 01 will feature forward collision warning and autonomous emergency braking, pedestrian detection, adaptive cruise control, blind spot detection and lane departure warning. Geely says it is aiming for around 500,000 worldwide sales of Lynk & Co models over the next five years.



VAN MAN MIFFED BY BAD LAD TAG BY: CHRIS RUSSON



VAN drivers think they are being made a scapegoat for poor driving on Britain's roads, according to a new study by TomTom Telematics. The sat nav and vehicle data company surveyed 100 LCV drivers and found that less than one in ten had been involved in a road accident in the past 12 months. The findings challenge earlier research by TomTom in which van drivers finished bottom of the list when it came to which road users are considered the safest or most careful. Jeremy Gould, European vice president for TomTom Telematics sales, said: "The traditional 'white van man' stereotype may no longer be a fair one with a great deal having been achieved over

recent years to help raise driving standards among LCV operators."

He said that developments in vehicle telematics, which allow fleet managers to monitor vehicles on the road, had resulted in significant improvements in driving standards. According to the research, truck drivers were considered the safest road users, with a third of van drivers (33 per cent) voting them top. Thirty-three per cent meanwhile considered cyclists to be the least safe. More than half (59 per cent) believed in-cab technology that provides audible and visual alerts offer the best approach to improving driving standards,

followed closely by 49 per cent that voted for driver training courses. Of the drivers who took part in the survey more than half (54 per cent) said they had driving performance monitored by their employer and more than a third (34 per cent) received driver training. Mark Cartwright, head of vans at the Freight Transport Association, said: "Van drivers are often unfairly maligned and, in some quarters, continue to shoulder an undeserved reputation. "Initiatives such as the FTA Van Excellence scheme have been embraced by the industry, demonstrating its commitment to improving standards and increasing best practice awareness."

CLASSICS ATTRACT FEMALE FANS

BY: CHRIS RUSSON

MORE and more women are getting hooked on classic cars and Birmingham is the UK hotspot for female enthusiasts. A poll by classic car insurance specialists Footman James has revealed that one in four women would consider buying a classic. And Birmingham is the top place for female classic owners ahead of Tonbridge in Kent, Bristol, Sheffield and Brighton.

The research, which polled over 2,000 adults, revealed 26 per cent of women would now consider buying a classic car – showing the classic car club is no longer reserved for the stereotypical middle-aged man. Footman James' data also revealed that over the past two years, the number of female classic car owners has risen by 40 per cent, with

female customers expected to account for 11 per cent by the end of 2016.

The average age of a female owner has fallen consistently over the last few years, now standing at 52 years old. According to the study, the top classic car makes owned by women were Morris, Volkswagen, MG, Mazda and Land Rover. Footman James' research also found that on average men spend more each year maintaining their classic spending £1,700 compared to the £1,500 forked out by female buyers. Footman James spokesman Liam Lloyd said: "Nowadays the classic car market is no longer an old boys club, with female owners proving their savviness when it comes to picking the top performing models."



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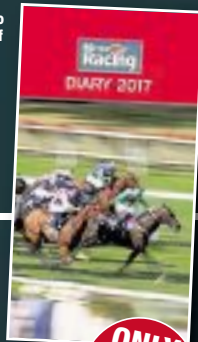
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Sport on sunday

This iconic venue must not become one that is feared

FOUR years ago, the overriding emotion that you'd associate with London's Olympic Stadium was joy, as everyone inside looked on in wonder while watching the world's best athletes, able-bodied or otherwise.

For a few months in 2012, Stratford was the place to be for anyone with even a passing interest in sport in this country and the mood inside the stadium was a happy one.

We got that feeling back, to an extent, when it played host to Rugby World Cup matches last year, but at present the facial expressions of too many inside there have been of the angry, contorted variety.

Straight away, I must make it clear this is not one of those



columns preaching about why football should be more like the Olympics. I hate that tired and ignorant cliché.

For right-thinking football fans, reports of hooliganism creeping back into the stands fill them with dread because they know an idiotic minority have just spoiled it for everyone.

It doesn't help that it gives

those who don't like the country's most popular sport the opportunity to tar all spectators with the same brush and brand every single one a drunken, knuckle-dragging thug.

Tell that to the eight-year old girl who got caught in the crossfire as missiles were thrown during the shameful scenes at West Ham's EFL Cup tie with Chelsea on Wednesday.

She didn't travel to the 'London Stadium' (yuck) looking to cause trouble and neither did her father, but there seems to be an element of the Hammers' support who are not focused on actually watching their team.

This week saw an escalation



WORRYING SCENES: A seat is thrown towards the away end as West Ham and Chelsea 'fans' clash

in the crowd disturbances that have so far tainted their first season at their new home, with some so-called 'fans' even resorting to fighting among themselves.

But we shouldn't buy into the narrative that all this is happening because they're disgruntled at moving away from their beloved Upton Park during the summer.

You've only got to see how some West Ham supporters behaved before their final game there in May, when they pelted Manchester United's bus with anything they could get their hands on, smashing windows in the process.

Hopefully, the club do act as decisively as they claim they will and that what became an iconic venue almost over-

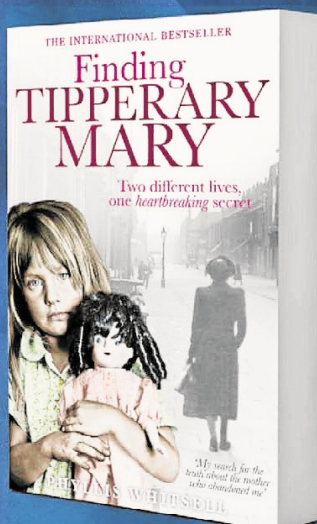
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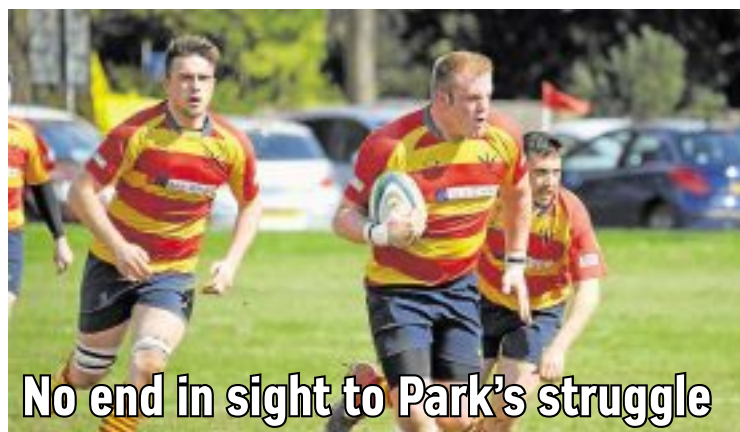
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No end in sight to Park's struggle

TOUGH LESSON: Stockwood Wood remain without a win since winning promotion last season

RUGBY UNION

STOCKWOOD Park continue to find life tough in the London leagues having been promoted up last season; this week losing 32-12 on the road to Enfield Ignatians.

Kieron Ryan and Martin Rowe scored Park's tries, with Matt Jones adding a conversion.

"We were in it up until the 20 minutes, then it got away from us, lots of areas of the game that is encouraging for us, said Stockwood Park's John Humphreys.

"We're obviously disappointed as they're down the bottom of the table with us - we would have liked more from the game, but there you are, it's a tough league. There's plenty of spirit in the side and there's plenty of the season left. It doesn't get any easier mind, next week we've got league leaders Old Habberdashers at home, so we'll need to up our game for that."

Luton lost for the first time this season this weekend, as they suffered a 21-6 defeat on the road at Oakham in Midlands

Two, but remain top of the division with six games played.

"We weren't very good today," said Luton's head coach Paul Alston. "It's just been a bad day at the office - you're going to get a couple through the season, and I guess this was one of ours."

Luton's points came by way of Rik Hobbs and Aiden Kenny penalties. "There's certainly a few things for us to be looking at in training this week," said Alston.

Dunstablians' excellent start to their Midlands Three campaign continues, as they thrashed Daventry 37-0 to keep the pressure on league leaders. Stewarts & Lloyds. The Dees currently sit in second place, three points from top with six games played.

"It was a good all round performance," said Dees winger Scott Warren. "We led 11-0 at half time, and we sustained the pressure to tire their big pack out."

Toby Mead, Max Thorne, Stu Hall, Nathan Aris, Mattie Anderson and Sam Coogan all scored tries, as the Dees now prepare for a trip to play Stewarts and Lloyds next weekend.

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Sport on sunday

Blues battle to win at Tooting and Mitcham

FOOTBALL

DUNSTABLE Town made sure of their place in the hat of the FA Trophy following a hard-fought 4-2 win against Tooting and Mitcham United.

Home side Tooting got off to a strong start and were rewarded in the 19th minute when Chace O'Neill tapped in from close range.

The Blues equalised against the run of play with a superb free kick from Danny Talbot, who fired home from 20 yards.

In the second half, there was another stunning goal for the visitors, this time from Zach Reynolds.

Picking up the ball in his own penalty area, Reynolds ran the length of the pitch, played a one-two with Andrew Phillips before coolly slotting home to take the lead in the 57th minute.

Dunstable looked to have made it safe when Kelvin Bossman poked home from a corner at the far post to make it 3-1, but Tooting weren't about to give up.

Billy Dunn netted to reduce the deficit and put some wind in his side's sails.

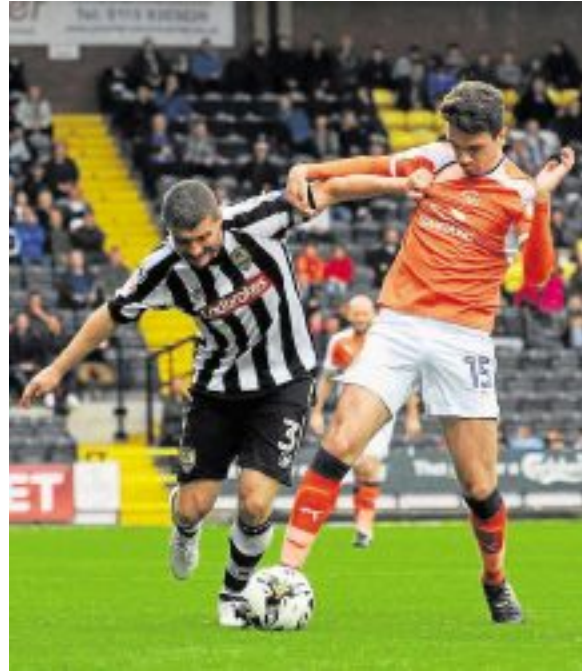
Dunstable were under the cosh in the final minutes, with goalkeeper Jack Smith forced into a number of great saves to maintain his side's lead.

Talbot also did his bit in the defensive third late on, with a superb goal line clearance.

However, Dunstable put the game to bed late in stoppage time.

In the 99th minute of play, Saul Williams latched onto Smith's long ball forward, breaking free against the reduced numbers at the back to round off a 4-2 victory.

Spot kick hero is hailed



STILL DEADLOCKED: Luton's Alex Gilliead tussles away with Carl Dickinson

FOOTBALL

BY JAMES CUNLIFFE

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DEFENDER Johnny Mullins hailed Christian Walton's penalty save which earned Luton a stalemate point at Notts County to extend their unbeaten run in League Two to seven games.

The Hatters had been relatively untroubled by a Magpies side that begun the day just two points and two positions behind them in sixth place, but in the 86th minute referee Michael Salisbury pointed to the spot after signalling that Scott Cuthbert had held a County player from a corner.

Vadaine Oliver looked to have scored but the Brighton loan goalie reached up high to paw away.

"What a wonderful save," said Mullins, who had returned to the starting line-up after seven games out.

"We've got a real top-class keeper in Christian and we know that. To play in front of him breeds confidence and I can't speak highly enough of him. They changed shape and went a little bit more direct, which caused its own problems, but then Christian comes out and makes it easy."

Manager Nathan Jones said: "In all honesty you probably lose the game then [if they'd scored]. He's got us a point and that's magnificent. It would have been harsh on either side."

But the boss was less than impressed by the "soft" decision, adding: "I could say a million things about the referee but I'd end up in front of the FA."

Mullins said: "It was for holding, but if there's a penalty for that then I guess there should have been a penalty for every other decision in the box. I can't really comment too much on that but it was an absolutely wonderful save."

It was Town's first clean sheet in ten league games stretching back to August, but only the second time they've been prevented from scoring in the division.

"I thought the performance was very good for 70 minutes. In the first half we had them running all over the place. In the last 20 minutes they changed their shape and went a bit more direct but it was a good away performance and all that was missing was a goal," said Mullins. "I felt we looked like scoring. We looked dangerous. It wasn't a performance where we didn't look like creating chances. We did. It's a good point in the end, looking at the other results."



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STEP aside Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Rembrandt – Luton are the new masters. Drawing is their speciality.

At least, at Meadow Lane, a point was more welcome than the previous four in five League Two games as keeper Christian Walton saved a Vadaine Oliver penalty six minutes from time to keep their canvass blank. Defeat would have painted an ugly picture.

On the plus side, the Brighton loan man's wonderful stop earned a first clean sheet in ten league games, but the Hatters just aren't finding the killer instinct that brings maximum returns.

And on Halloween weekend, Alex Gilliead was the Luton man with a tricks – with boss Nathan Jones declaring afterwards that the Newcastle loan midfielder put in one of the best League Two performances he'd seen – but the treats evaded them.

The manager added: "Overall, I think it's a good point. For 70 minutes we controlled the game. We weren't really under pressure, we controlled the tempo of the game, moved the ball very well, got into real good areas had some real good interplay, it's just a shame we didn't have a tiny bit more cutting edge and put one of those chances away. I felt we would have gone on and won the game.

"It was a good away performance. These are a decent side, we've come here, we've been brave in our possession, brave in what we've



SUPER HANDS: Christian Walton gets down to keep out Vadaine Oliver's late penalty

done and I felt it was a decent away point."

Striker Danny Hylton – restored to the side after serving a one-match ban – was one of two changes with Johnny Mullins returning at centre back, with Jake Gray and Dan Potts missing out and former Magpies defender Alan Sheehan moving to left back.

Mullins did his bit, along with Walton, to keep out a Jonathan Forte cross, though the keeper palmed into the path of Aaron Collins who blasted a snapshot wide.

But even with Gilliead pulling the strings for the visitors, clear-cut chances were few and far

between. He had their only shot on target, while Jack Marriott fired wide on two occasions, before an off-balance Hylton couldn't convert the stroke of half time.

Though Luton were decent in the first half they still needed Glen Rea to acrobatically scoop off the line from Aaron Collins' looping header.

In the second period, County were kept at distance with Rodman and Forte trying their luck. The latter was then presented with a golden chance to break the deadlock, though he couldn't get enough purchase on a fabulous

deep cross in behind Mullins. With stalemate seemingly stamped across the game, from out of nowhere in the dying stages, referee Michael Salisbury pointed to the spot, signalling that Scott Cuthbert had hold of a Magpie. The Hatters skipper protested and it was a terribly soft decision, but justice was done when Walton to clawed to safety.

Boss Jones was less than impressed by the spot-kick call, saying: "The less said about the arbitration of this game, the better. It's an extremely soft penalty and I don't really want to comment. We can't give people the opportunity to do that especially away. I could say a million things about the referee but I'd end up in front of the FA. Their manager was as frustrated as me, so it's not like he was in any way a certain way towards us or them. He was equally as whatever-he-was for both sides. It's a disappointing one."

Moments after the penalty miss County hit the top of the bar from a Carl Dickinson's header as the hosts began to go long.

But while, the Hatters coped to secure a first league shut-out in two months and remain fourth in League Two they're still waiting for their Renaissance.

Notts County: Colin, Dickinson, Duffy, Hollis, Forte, Milsom, Laing, Richards, Rodman, Campbell (O'Connor, 57), Collins (Oliver, 57)

Unused subs: Loach, Tootle, Smith, Hewitt, Burke

Luton: Walton, O'Donnell, Mullins, Cuthbert, McGeehan (Vassell, 90), Hylton, Cook, Marriott (Lee, 75), Gilliead (Mpanzu, 85), Rea, Sheehan.

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